



Air Bubbles



The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

July 2022

President's Message

By: Dylan Langelier

It has been such a great start to the dive season already! Waters are warm, visibility has been good (most of the time), lobsters are out (I even caught my first lobsters EVER a few weekends ago!) and we have had consistent numbers at our weekly Sunday Froggie Dives...let's keep it up! In addition to the great diving, the club continues to see interest from new (prospective) members, monthly, and has welcomed multiple new club members this year which is VERY exciting. Greg Gingras joined us officially in May and most recently Drew Boles was voted in at a recent beach meeting in July. I am so grateful to all of YOU who make this club such a welcoming group. The past months we have had so many great events and outings from social dinners at Onion Town Grill, to Froggie Trivia Night (hosted by our own Vinny Egizi), to kayaking on the Ipswich River, to attending WED Talks at East Regiment Beer Co., and many more. To say that this club is an extended family is an understatement, we are like a constant group at Thanksgiving with all different viewpoints, opinions, styles, senses of humor...yet we stick together with an unbreakable bond. Simply put, we were brought together by our mutual love of diving and the ocean and we stay together for our mutual respect and admiration as a Froggie family of which I am so proud to be a part of! I hope to see more and more of you as the Summer and nicer weather continues, and we have a lot of great events planned in the coming months starting with an absolute Froggie favorite, Vermont Week (7/22 – 7/30)! The event is graciously hosted by master diver, tour guide extraordinaire, energizer bunny, huge-hearted Annette Spaulding- who we all LOVE! For those who have not made this right of passage to Annette's yet, please come and join us as we dive the rivers and lakes of Vermont as we search for artifacts during "muck diving," kayaking, sitting around the nightly bonfire laughing and sharing stories, AND I haven't even mentioned yet, the INCREDIBLE food!!! In addition to Vermont Week, we have more events on the calendar (keep an eye on the weekly email announcements, Froggie Facebook page, and Froggie website). I hope to see you all, and hopefully more new faces, attending the meetings and upcoming events. As always, please email President@NorthShoreFrogmen.com with any ideas, questions or even just to say hello!

Member of the Quarter

Greg Przybyl has gone above and beyond, and is a true embodiment of a Froggie with his compassion and generosity, and quick willingness to ALWAYS help someone in need. I am naming Greg Member of the Quarter because he was so helpful on our annual Ipswich River kayak trip. He helped many of us navigate the less than ideal shallow spots along the trek and major blockages, and even pulled stranded Froggies up beaver dams with all of his rescue gear (very prepared!). He (along with Bill Werner) helped a family with two young children who had flipped their canoe get back to the docks safely.

Diver of the Quarter

Tim Waryas is a newer Froggie but has been very enthusiastic about local New England diving. Tim is a constant attendee at our Sunday club dives, is always a great dive buddy, and constantly wants to learn and improve his craft...even becoming a good lobster hunter!

Froggies Have Been Busy...

April 3rd – Club Dive

Daryl and Dylan dive in chilly waters and Mary and Ray warm the up with clam chowder!



April 7th – Meeting & Trivia Night

Vinny Egizi prepared an awesome evening for the Froggies and proved to be an excellent trivia master! All in attendance had fun and learned a thing or two. Top honors went to: 3rd Place – Team JMD – John Sears and Mike and Dawn Denneler; 2nd Place – The Non-divers – Vange and Dante Egizi, and 1st Place (drumroll) – Team Xray-Jon Mulsman!



April 10th - Beach Clean Up

Thank you to the Froggies who volunteered their time to clean up Pebble Beach. Froggies even got a shout-out in the Gloucester Times on April 19th (see the article below) and Dodie had the actual article taped to her kitchen cabinet!



ROCKPORT — Pebble Beach recently got a springtime cleaning courtesy of a local dive club and this Saturday morning Sandpiper Lot and Loblolly Point will be groomed. The Rockport South End Association is hosting a beach cleanup this Saturday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to noon. Areas of focus will be Sandpiper Lot and Loblolly Point. Anyone who is interested should gather that morning at the home of John and Marilyn Thompson at 4 Ruthern Way. You can also learn more by joining the Facebook group South End Association. On Sunday, April 10, several members and family of the Danvers-based [Northshore Frogmen's Club](#) organized a cleanup activity at Pebble Beach. While most participants scoured the beach and the verge along Penzance Road, two cold-hardened divers ventured into the water for a brisk cleanup dive. In the end, the group collected more than 100 pounds of assorted trash, consisting of paper, and metal, including broken lobster traps, many single use cups and bottles, ropes, mylar balloons, plastic bags, etc, said Vinny Egizi via email. The Northshore Frogmen's Club, founded in 1958, is one of the oldest SCUBA diving clubs in the country and frequently performs community centric activities. Recently, the club was called upon to recover a badge lost by a local law enforcement officer, Egizi said. Its divers have also recovered discarded property deeds, ammunition, and other interesting items in the salt and fresh waters of New England.

April 21st – Meeting & Sea Hunt



April 23rd – Easter Egg Dive & Party

Daryl, Vinny, Ray, Dylan, and Greg participated in the Easter Egg Dive...Mary laid the eggs. She did such a good job, only Greg found eggs and as a result won a \$25 gift card to Undersea Divers! A lot of good shore support from Susan, Karen, and Vange. Afterwards, Dodie hosted a wonderful gathering at her house where we enjoyed her incredible, homemade clam chowder, chicken from Peter, unbelievably delicious, and homemade-filled chocolate eggs from Alexine (party pictures on next page).





Dodie's Chowder!

Alexine's Chocolate Eggs!

May 5th - Dinner & A Beer

“It’s Cinco de Mayo!” was uttered over and over during our dinner meeting at Village Tavern in Salem. After dinner, we crossed the parking lot to East Regiment Brewery. In attendance that evening were Peter, Dodie, Ellen, Ray, Mary, Dylan, John M, Vin, Vange, Dante, Amelia, John F, John S, and Bill.

During dinner, we realized that Village Tavern would be excellent for the President’s Banquet, so we reserved it for December 3rd! Also of note, we discovered that East Regiment Beer Co. hosts occasional Wednesday “WED Talks”, so stay tuned for upcoming Wednesday meetings to be held there!

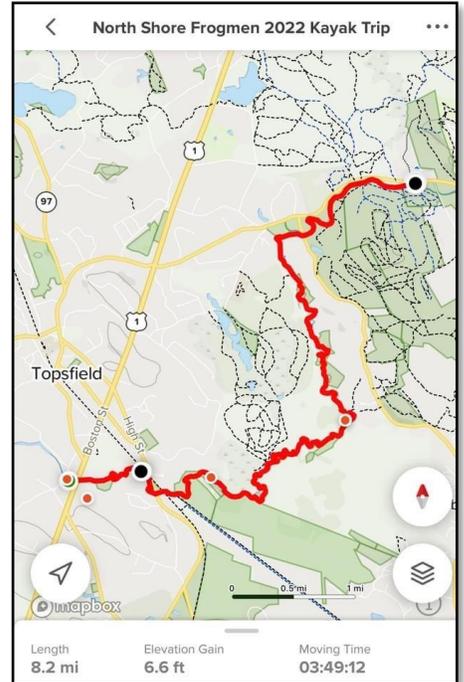
Save the Date!
President’s Banquet
December 3rd
Village Tavern, Salem



May 14th – Annual Kayak Trip

By Vinny Egizi

On May 14th, ten, sun-seeking Froggies embarked on an 8.2 mile trek down the Ipswich River from the Topsfield Fairgrounds to the Willowdale Dam; next to Foote Brothers Canoe Rental. We had a combination of kayakers and canoers who meandered along the river, which runs through a National Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary, scenic wetlands, Bradley Palmer State Park and Willowdale State Forest! The photographers in the group had wonderful opportunities to capture photos of swans, turtles, red winged black birds, and other critters in their habitat. After a failed attempt at lunch at our normal site (tree-blocked entrance way and lost sandals), we settled on a new site to portage and refuel. Greg Przbyl was the hero of the afternoon by single handedly yanking our watercraft onto the dry land, helping fellow Froggies out of/into their vessels, and re-launching them into the river when lunch was over. As always, the last part of the journey was hot and the current slowed considerably. This made the Froggies thirsty so we all went to the Ipswich Brewery for some post-event refreshments. Thank you, Bill Werner, for organizing this great, annual event.



May 12th & 19th - Meetings at Onion Town Grill

WEDNESDAYS
are the new
meeting day!

New meeting night is Wednesday!! During the summer, meetings will be held at various locations including Onion Town Grill, East Regiment Beer Co. (especially when there are WED Talks), and at the beach! Please pay attention to the weekly emails to learn where the weekly meeting will be held.



June 1st - Meeting at Backbeat Brewing Company

We met at Backbeat Brewing Company in Beverly, MA for some drinks and listened to some local jazz. Always a great location for a social gathering.

June 8th – WED Talk at East Regiment Beer Company

Interesting presentation on Sea Machines which is a company capable of making autonomous modifications to sea-going vessels. Froggies present were Susan, Dodie, Mary, Peter C, John M, Skip, the Dennekers, Vinny, and, Daryl.



June 12th – Sunday Dive at Old Garden Beach followed by Lobsta Land Lunch

Vinny catches a lobster, crab, and flounder and Vange tries (and loves) steamers!



June 15th – Beach “Dive” Meeting

Thx Peter for going in and changing the meeting status from Beach Meeting to Beach *Dive* Meeting. It was a beautiful evening for sitting at Independence Park, enjoying a bonfire in the Egizi’s backyard, and then walking back to the beach for a spectacular moon rise. (Can you identify the lovebirds in the shadows?)



June 19th – Sunday Beach Dive at Old Garden Beach

No photos available but it was a great dive with and great conditions

June 26th – Meeting at East Regiment Beer Company

Several Froggies met for a WED Talk on tech diving, presented by Heather Knowles and David Caldwell. Dodie recently injured her neck so the club presented her with an appropriate game to keep her busy during recovery.



Diving with the Whites

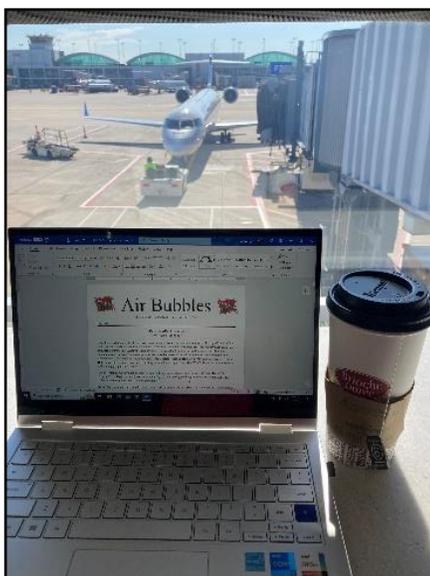
By: Greg Gingras

Lions, Black Caimans, Grizzlies, ...Lawyers - I've been face to face with many of the Apex Predators that roam the earth but there's one that was particularly super exciting. This is a short story about my trip in 2006 to cage dive with Great Whites. The idea started formulating back in 2000 when, on a dive trip to Cocos Island, I met a fellow from California with the name "R." No kidding. He showed me his passport and his first name was "R." Just "R". He was in his late fifties at the time and he knew more jokes than anyone I'd ever met. He was an accountant by trade, go figure, and following this Cocos trip he was traveling all the way to South Africa to cage dive with Great Whites. Until that point I thought that sort of thing was limited to marine biologists with TV shows on Shark Week and never fathomed that this was even possible for an average joe like me. Onto the bucket list it went! On a west coast business trip a few years later I reached out to catch up with R and over dinner found out that after traveling all the way to South Africa for his cage diving the water was too rough and no one was allowed to go down in the cages. Wow, that's an expensive trip and a long way to go to get foiled like that. Probably not in the cards for me to try. But then, in 2005, I learned that a Great White dive charter was operating out of San Diego. The website said "99% likelihood" of seeing Great Whites. This was doable. In September of 2006 I flew into San Diego and then we were transported by bus to Ensenada, Mexico which was the port we'd sail out to Guadalupe Island, a remote Mexican island 24 hours out. On the way out I was given use of a fishing pole to cast out and troll for yellowfin tuna. Initially I was told it would be prepared for sashimi that night but then I was told it was to be sacrificed to the Great Whites. If not sushi, I hoped it



would be a worthy sacrifice. We arrived at the island overnight and that morning after breakfast the games would begin! Cages were lowered in and the wranglers started to chum the water. Sharks were on the scene not long after and down into the cages we went, weighted down in wetsuits and drawing air from the onboard hookah system. Spanish Mackerel were thick as thieves around the cages attracted by the bait in the water but there was enough space and the water was clear enough and the sharks were so up close and personal! Wow... Wow, Wow, Wow, Wow! Absolutely thrilling to see these magnificent creatures in person and in situ. So different than any other shark I'd seen up to that point - or since. During the few days of our stay anchored near the island another cage was lowered to a depth of 20' and this was available to certified divers who wanted to tank up and go down a little deeper for the full immersive 360 degree experience. The top of that cage was open and we'd sit on the top and drop down in when a Great White came in too close for comfort. At one point, early in the shark watching, I was in my surface cage and then suddenly realized I was hearing loud music in my head. It was strange. I figured it was someone inside the boat playing music but not long after noticed a round object in the water hanging off the side of the boat. An underwater speaker! The guy running the dive trip said "oh yeah, the sharks really like rock and roll music." Too funny. In the evening, after the diving, everyone would be up top, all geeked up eating, drinking, organizing, and showing off photos from the day. Energy level was high all day, every day. Just a super duper experience - one of the most exhilarating for sure. So, why am I writing about a trip back in 2006? Well, as I mentioned, it was an incredible one. I have two nephews and I've given each the option of an "adventure trip" with their Uncle Greg. Examples were Las Vegas (off-road 4 wheel, bungee jumping, machine guns, etc) and a Yellowstone backpacking trip (into the backcountry off the land for a week). The first nephew elected to take me up on scuba lessons and then we went down to Cozumel for a week of fantastic diving. His first dive trip and we did reef walls, drift dives, wreck penetration dives, and night dives and he was like a fish. Good control and good on air. Great trip. Now, the youngest wants to see the Great Whites so, in October, 16 years later, I'm going back to San Diego and, with Nick, traveling down to Ensenada for a trip out to Guadalupe on the same boat, the Solmar V. That boat is now owned by a different company. Fingers crossed, the trip will happen. This company runs just 2 boats and recently lost one in the the Pacific last month. Someone screwed up and the ship hit rocks out in the middle of nowhere. All crew and passengers had to be airlifted out by the Mexican Coast Guard. Luckily, I booked on the other boat that's still floating. Hopefully it'll still be sailing come October and if it is, and we go, I'll look forward to sharing with all of you how that all goes down ...errr, umm, maybe that's a bad choice of words, lol. Coming soon - Shark Week October 1-7, 2022! For anyone that's interested, the company is pacificfleet.com. This is NOT the boat that we are scheduled on. This is the Pacific Fleet "Vortex" which crashed and foundered last month. Our boat is the Pacific Fleet "Solmar V". Not as nice ...but still floating.

Editor's Note: Greg, can't wait for the sequel – safe travels!



Can you name the airport where Vange was editing Air Bubbles ?

The Vermont Trip is just days away!

Thank you, Vinny, for organizing.

Thank you, Annette, for hosting!

July 22 – 30

My Nat Geo Moment – Dolphins - Honduras

By: Susan Copelas

I was headed out for the third dive of the day from a small resort called Clark's Caye off the coast of Guanaja, Honduras when we got the call. The Dive Master approached me and said, "do you have any experience with dolphins, can they hurt you?" I asked what was up and he said, "a fisherman just called and said there was a pod of dolphins that approached her boat and one had inhaled plastic and needed help." I felt an adrenalin rush and replied, "yes, this is something I could help with." As we headed into the bay area, we saw the 14 ft fishing boat with about 5-6 dolphins circling around it. I explained that the dolphins couldn't feel like they were being ganged up on. They needed to seek out the lead person and feel safe and bond with them. He was very concerned that I would be diving in the channel and might be in danger, so to alleviate his fear we agreed that he would float on the surface near-by with a dive flag. I hopped in the water and followed the dolphins away from the boat and down to about 27 feet. The bottom was sandy with no current. The dolphins started to approach me and would circle around me just outside my reach. I put my arm out as they brushed up against it to build trust. They did the same motion, they would circle twice dive down and they shoot up to the surface and head in an easterly direction, they would be gone for about 4 min and repeat the gesture.... "What were they saying?" "What were they trying to communicate?" "Did they want me to follow them to the surface?" "Did they want me to head East?" As I was trying to figure it out, I paused and thought: "It's me, a soccer mom, hanging out with dolphins in the ocean, who is going to believe this?" I wished I had a camera. This continued for about 23 min then the guide came down and the dolphins disappeared. Ugh, my moment was gone. However, he was motioning me back up to the surface. As it turned out, the dolphins were trying to tell me to come to the surface. The injured dolphin wasn't able to go down to me. So, they resorted to "Plan B" and went over to the boat to get the fisherman's help. What a magical moment to see the dolphin rescued and the pod swimming out to the blue water together. We need to pause our lives, take a moment to look at the world around us and see how we can work in harmony with it. This moment will forever not only be in my mind, but my heart. I felt like a true mermaid.

Coral Reefs - Rowatan

By: Susan Copelas

Are you aware at the alarming rate that the coral in our oceans are dying? Several factors are contributing to it, global climate change, over-fishing, pollution and coral disease are the top four. Our fish depend on the healthy reefs for food, many of us depend on the fish to feed our families. Dodie Carvalho and other group members lead by Susan Copelas, took a recent dive trip to Roatan Honduras. They decided to help do their part to rescue the coral and joined forces with The Bay Island Coral Restoration Project based at Subway Water Sports at Turquoise Bay Resort. Subway Watersports is committed to protecting and restoring Roatan's coral reefs by supporting the Roatan Marine Park and championing a coral nursery restoration program that is growing and planting Staghorn and Elkhorn coral back on Roatan's reefs. Dodie and her team of divers spent a considerable amount of time doing their part brushing off the trees from pollutant particles in the water to help encourage growth. They then carefully worked with the project coordinator to gather specimens that have been growing for 6 months to a year that were ready for harvesting. The second dive started in a location called Lions Den. There were several wonderful swim throughs, a different view around every turn and the cracks in the ceiling with the light shining through were wonderful. When they finished the dive and came out to full sunlight, right in front of them was the site for transplanting the coral that they had taken from the trees that were ready to transplant to the chosen spot. The group carefully took the chosen coral branches out of the container, scraped some of the clean good coral and adhered some glue specifically designed for this. From their observation, it appears that about 95% of the past transplanted coral has taken root! What a great project to be a part of, and how rewarding it was after seeing the fruits of others alive and doing well.



Dive Trip and Family History - Curacao

By: Dodie Carvalho

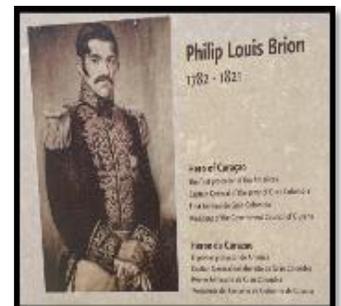


In mid-February, I was preparing for a weeklong trip to Curacao with Susan Copelas' dive company; Dive the World, the biggest island of the former Netherland Antilles. It is 171 mi², 36 mi long, 9 mi wide, and 2 mi narrow. Shortly before my trip's departure my sister contacted me and said that we had ancestors named Brion who lived in Curacao in the early 1800's, and she sent me a copy of that part of a Brion/Foulke family tree. She suggested I go to the library in Willemstad, the capital of Curacao, and research it. I really had no idea how to do this and didn't know if I'd have an opportunity to even try. During our trip we unfortunately had several days of rough diving conditions. There are many boat wreck dive sites about the island, as well as large anchors left behind. One site we dove on was fairly shallow, and there was abundant life on its decks and undersides. As we were leaving the site, a boat of tourists arrived to

explore its sealife. It was shallow enough to allow free diving. One day between morning dives our boat did a loop into and around Willemstad Harbor looking at all the wonderful colorful buildings, with Dutch influence, along its wharves. Lo and behold, there was a building with the name "Brion" emblazoned across the front of its peak. I was amazed and thought I'd have to check it out on our last day when we planned to explore the capital city. Toward the end of our week, we went to an area of the island called The Elephant's Den, which was particularly beautiful, and the water was calm. Along the shore were the beautiful Blue Caves (so named because the sunlight coming in through the clear ocean water would frame schools of fish in blue light). Then we headed out into the coral where I saw octopus curled up in the coral heads in clear blue calm water. We also witnessed a whole school of squid in a mating formation and were able to swim with them for a while. On our last day, there was no diving because of upcoming flights, and a group of us took a taxi to Willemstad. At first, we walked along the wharf and visited the open air markets along its edge buying souvenirs. We bought chilled coconuts and drank the coconut milk with straws, and watched fish being filleted and purchased. Then our group went to the Curacao Maritime Museum which I had spotted on the other side of a canal. I allowed the other divers to purchase their entry tickets first, and I held back to ask if they had any information about the Brion family. To my astonishment the museum was built on the site of the original Brion home of the early 1800's and included parts of his house which had been saved after a fire had burned the building in 1998. Brion was the Admiral of Colombia (as Curacao of the West Indies was then known.) According to my family tree he was born on July 6, of 1782, which agreed with the many signs which were posted about him in the museum. We watched a movie about the horrible slavery trade that took place earlier in Curacao's history as well as occupation by various countries from the 1600s on. (I bought a copy to share with my family. That part of the island's history is tragic!) Our group walked through the museum, and I even saw another family ancestor (Foulke) cited as one of the two best ship builders in Curacao in the early 1800s. Before leaving, the museum's administrator and a guide took me outside, pointing out a huge statue across the canals on Brion Square, which was of Brion himself! So, after a wonderful lunch shared with our diving group, a few of us crossed the bridge to view it. What a wonderful event for me to discover information about my ancestor on our trip. I didn't even really know where Curacao was when I signed up to join this wonderful adventure. The diving was great and at the same time the family story unfolding for me was magical. Great trip! (Quote from "In Your Pocket," Essential City Guides: Willemstad, Curacao) Many of Willemstad's visitors appreciate its vibrant atmosphere, especially in the area surrounding Plasa Brion. With magnificent views of the Emmabrug bridge and the colorful houses of the Handelskade, we often wonder how many people really know the story behind the statue after which the square is named. Pedro Luis Brion, born in Curacao in 1782, studied in Holland and fought several times against the British in Europe and in Caribbean waters. Owing



to his studies of nautical sciences and maritime trade in the USA, it's widely believed that his battle tactics were superior to those of the British and Spanish fleets. Brion was also involved in Venezuela's struggle for independence and will be remembered as a great supporter of human rights and democracy. Although he died of tuberculosis in 1821 in his beloved district of Scharloo, his body is interred at the National Pantheon in Venezuela.



Diving with Bullsharks - Maldives

By: Susan Copelas



Where can you have a 90% chance of seeing a whale shark during your dive trip? What about schooling sharks, a pod of dolphins, a school of spotted eagle rays, two mantis shrimp playing, and turtles forging ALL ON ONE DIVE?? This is a typical dive if you are on the Manthiri in the Maldives. I had the good fortune to be there last September and yes....this type of thing happened all the time. What an amazing place this was. I am returning Feb 16-25 2023 with a group of 12 people, and a group of three people just cancelled so I have some openings if you are interested in having a trip of a lifetime! Good news....FROGGIE DISCOUNT. **I am offering the two spots at a reduced rate.** So instead of \$4495 it is \$3999! If you are interested in more information, please email me at copelas.dtw@gmail.com.

For Sale

By: Linda Connors

16' Dagger Seeker Sea Kayak with rudder

Used primarily in fresh water. Excellent condition. \$400 or BRO. LPski26@yahoo.com or call 978-204-0902



**RIP
Fred Calhoun**

Air Bubbles

The next edition of Air Bubbles will come out on October 15th. If you would like to submit an article, please email it to Vange Egizi at vangiemassagain@yahoo.com by September 30th.



Submitted by
Mike Denneler

19th Northeast REEF Great Annual Fish Count

Saturday July 23, 2022 - Stage Fort Park, Gloucester, MA

Sponsored by the

[New England Aquarium Dive Club](#)



Photo credit: Joy Marzolf

The Northeast Great Annual Fish Count (GAFC) event has returned for its 19th Year!! The New England Aquarium Dive Club is excited to once again host our friends in the dive community at this year's event! This year we are proud to be a [REEF Conservation Partner](#)! For more information and to register for this year's GAFC, please visit our website at <http://www.neadc.org/gafc>.

As in years past, we will be organizing REEF survey dives at various dive sites around the region. Dive site coordinators will assist registered divers with check in before their survey dive and check out at the end of their dive. All participants will then proceed to Stage Fort Park in Gloucester for survey data entry and lunch. The GAFC event will conclude with a raffle prize drawing supported by generous donations from many individuals, clubs and local dive shops.

Please note that we will be following all local and state COVID-related guidelines. Masks are encouraged but not required.

**Cash will no longer be accepted for parking at the Stage Fort Park lot. Please remember to book your parking spot online ahead of the event. See Gloucester Beach Parking information at <https://www.gloucester-ma.gov/299/Beach-Information>.

We look forward to seeing you at our event next month!

Happy Diving!

Uma Mirani

President

New England Aquarium Dive Club



Secretary's Minutes

By: Vinny Egizi

April 7, 2022

4 officers, 8 members, 2 guests

TRIVIA NIGHT

This was Vinny's trivia night. 13 people participated as 5 teams and 2 individual groups. The winners were: 1st place – Jon Mulman, 2nd place – Vange and Dante Egizi, and 3rd place – John Sears, Dawn Dennele, and Mike Dennele. Cash prizes were distributed and quickly spent at the Roadhouse Bar afterwards.

April 14, 2022

4 Officers, 9 Members, 1 Guest (Nick Makrys – potential future member)

VIN'S VIGNETTE'S

Graphical images of the earth's surface broken down by Territorial Waters (27%), International Waters (43%), and Land (30%). 6 countries account for 1/3 of the land on the planet.

DIVE TALK

Dylan and Daryl dove at the club supported dive at Stage Fort Park and at the April 10th beach cleanup. While other Froggies and family were collecting 100 lbs. of trash along the beach, D & D battled bad visibility and surging waters to help clean up the fish habitat. Susan spent one month diving in Egypt battling unusually cold waters along the Red Sea and Nile River, with some time spent on camels enjoying the view of the pyramids. She checked out two liveaboard companies for future planned dive trips.

MEETING MINUTES

Ray read the minutes from March 24th, which were accepted as read. April 7th was a club hosted trivia night with no other club business discussed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Old Garden Beach Ramp – Club donated \$300, which was given to the Bay State Council (BSC) who is consolidating donations from various dive clubs.

OLD BUSINESS

Air Bubbles was sent out for Q1 (Jan – Mar). All inputs for the Q2 (Apr-Jun) edition is due by June 30th to Vange. April 10th Beach Cleanup article sent to the Gloucester Times to run in an upcoming edition.

Website Update – Dylan is going to begin planning the website and social media update as discussed at the January Board of Directors' Meeting. Mailchimp message to go out to get volunteers to form the Digital Transformation Committee.

Rockport Divers – BSC is still working on divers' behalf to support keeping Rockport open for diving, despite opposition by some select residents. The issue now seems to have gone to federal court and is focused on residential parking. BSC has a lawyer working with them.

Activities:

Easter Egg Dive – April 23rd, 10:00am (in water), Cressy Beach, 12:00pm Party at Dodie's.

Dinner Out – May 5th, Village Tavern. Followed by drinks at Regiment Brewery.

Kayak Trip – May 14th, Foote Bros meeting spot 9am.

VT Dive Trip – Planning will begin soon for July trip.

NEW BUSINESS

BSC is hosting their annual treasure hunt on September 18th at Stage Fort Park. NSF and Metro West will team up for a combined picnic that day. Ray Porter will get the required permit from the Town of Gloucester to secure out site. Bill will rent the grill.

Lobster Licenses: With all the new divers certified over the past two years, there may be a lack of awareness of the lobster harvesting rules and regulations; specifically, the need for a license.

Undersea Divers is closing their Dive Society and focusing on other planned diving activities. Divers who want to dive weekly can join the NSF on Sundays. Dylan to discuss posting a flier at the dive shop. We may want to implement a liability form for non-NSF members who join us.

Summer Dive times to be changed to 8am (meet) and 8:30am (depart). May consider changing our meeting location to opposite of BK parking lot.

New Meeting Location – Onion Town Grill may be closing. Tentative agreement being worked on with Jubilee Yacht Club to allow us to meet there weekly on Wednesdays. Facility has two meeting rooms, bar, and function room. No food, but delivery available.

RAFFLES

Dollars Box – Karen Przybyl name was pulled but she was not in attendance. Pot is now up to \$50

Mystery Prize – Winner was John Sears

April 21, 2022

4 officers, 8 members, 1 guest (Greg Gingras)

VIN'S VIGNETTE

Sea urchins dying. Welcomed guest Greg Gingras.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Easter egg dive on Saturday. Party afterwards at Dodie's. Dinner meeting and brewery May 5th.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

2 VT kayakers died. Talked to Annette and discussed VT dive week sleeping arrangements. John Ferrier talked to Jack Monro who went tooth hunting.

RAFFLES

Dollars Box - John Sears, Mystery Prize - Dodie Carvalho

May 5, 2020

NSF DINNER OUT

The club had a dinner night out at the Village Tavern followed by a few drinks at the East Regiment Beer Company in Salem. 14 froggies, family, and friends met for the dinner and then 10 of us went to the brewery, where we were joined by John Sears.

May 12, 2022 (Notes by M Howard)

3 officers, 3 members; 1 guest (Greg Gingras)

No quorum, not official meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT

PO Box fee was paid for the year.

Stage Fort Park permit paid for picnic date 9/25/22.

MEMBERSHIP

Greg G paid prorated NSF dues and BSC dues. Will get application to officers this week.

SEA ROVERS

Received donation of hand-crafted pen from Ron Blais for raffle.

EVENTS

5/14/22: Ipswich River canoe/kayak trip.

7/16/22: Women Divers Day @ Stage Fort Park. NSF will provide food and grill.

Dylan will look into boat charter options for the Club.

Upcoming events? Ropes course, comedy night

Last Thursday (5/5/22) Club met at Village Tavern for dinner, then on to East Regiment Brewery for further socializing. Good food, good time!

RAFFLES

DOLLARS BOX

Skip Yetman (present)

May 19, 2022

4 officers, 10 members, 2 guests

VIN'S VIGNETTE

High healed shoe funambulist set world record in Bellows Falls, VT (600' on a tightrope in 4" heels)

DIVE TALK

Daryl, Vinny, Tim, Ralph, Dylan

Old Garden Beach, one flounder

MEETING MINUTES

Accepted as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Presented by Mary Howard.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcomed new guest Don and did introductions of all members to new applicant, Greg Gingras. Accepted Greg as member. 308 dives.

OLD BUSINESS

Ropes Course June 4th postponed. TBD new date.

Comedy Night - June 17th cancelled.

Beach Meeting - June 23rd - still planned.

Boat Dive June 25th - to be planned.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting location change. Jubilee Yacht Club is new location. Marine area a big draw. Great collaborative approach for application. New day will be Wednesdays starting June 1st. We can be at bar and meeting room. Possibility to get new members from the JYC.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

BSC meeting July.

OGB ramp \$2000 donation from divers. To be installed this summer.

Air Bubbles - due June 30th for entry into the July edition of newsletter

Web site update - seeking input and participation to help

Sea Rovers Internship - open up to 19 yr. old who are certified diver

Skip offered to discuss old dive equipment.

RAFFLES

Dollars Box - Ginny Cookson (not in attendance so pot carries over)

Mystery Prize - Peter Cassidy

June 1, 2022

4 officers, 7 members

SOCIAL MEETING

Backbeat Brewing Company

June 15, 2022

3 officers, 11 members, 1 guest

BEACH MEETING

This was the club's first Beach Meeting of the year. We met at Independence Park in Beverly, MA and Peter Chapman went snorkeling. We had a short meeting on the beach followed by a backyard fire at Vinny and Vange's house.

DIVE TALK

Susan taught her very last class (pool class). Dylan, Daryl, Tim, Ricardo dove Old Garden Beach. Lots of flounder and small lobsters. Met two South Shore Neptunes at the site. 50F, 60' max.

Greg Gingras dove Cozumel all inclusive. Saw Fertility Festival in action. 7 dives. No lion fish.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Discussed MetroWest dive meeting which talked about fishing regulations and club insurance needs. We will look in to our liability but each member signs a liability waiver as part of the application process. Discussed new meeting location, which may be at a local yacht club. We will know more after July 5th. For now, we will choose different location to meet on a weekly basis.

VIN'S VIGNETTE

Discussed a news article about an 11-year-old boy who helped save a beached beluga whale.

RAFFLES

Dollars Box – no winner in attendance

Mystery Prize – Vinny Egizi – Tropical 2022 Calendar

June 22, 2022

3 officers, 6 members

OLD BUSINESS

Woman's Dive Day Jul 16th - Preparations were discussed. Bill to get grill and Dylan to get supplies (hamburgers, hotdogs, charcoal, and condiments). Vinny to send Dylan template for courtesy card and Dylan will get 500 made. Parking is going to be an issue with the new Gloucester parking preregistration restrictions, but there should be space available. VT Dive Trip Jul 22-30 – Attendee list is finalized at about 17-22 people per day with various sleeping arrangements (tents, RVs, Dodie, Annette, and motel). Plan to have kayaking mid will at Sumner falls to not conflict with Harpoon festival on the weekend. Club Picnic Sep 25 – Cressy Beach (lower beach at Stage Fort Park). NSF, MetroWest, BSC to attend. Safety and restrooms are a concern which planners are discussing. Calendar Update – The current calendar is full of good ideas that were planned at the beginning of the year. We are doing many of them but not all and it is adding confusion to some people. It was decided to clear the calendar of upcoming events, except for the ones that are definite.

NEW BUSINESS

Banquet Dec 3rd – Discussed possible location of Jubilee Yacht Club and Village Tavern in Salem. Vinny will contact Village Tavern and Dylan will contact JYC to discuss availability and cost. Photo contest – Announcement to go out in Air Bubbles to prepare for Photo Contest. Will allow all photos taken since beginning of COVID. Officers – time to start thinking of next year's officer slate

DIVE TALK

Sunday Dive at Old Garden Beach June 12 – Dylan, Vinny, Daryl, Bill, Tim, Ricardo. Great visibility, 50F, max depth 60'. Dylan got his first lobster (3 of them actually). Dylan started a discussion about air consumption, navigation, and buoyancy while lobstering, which lead to some great advice from long time members. We met at Lobster Land afterwards, where Vange joined us for lunch.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Discussed safety while sweeping elevated decks as one member fell off and broke their neck.

Air Bubbles. Deadline for this quarter's edition is end of June. President will determine Member and Diver of Quarter and write president's message. Reminder about Photo Contest to go in next edition

RAFFLES

Dollars Box – John Sears – not in attendance so pot carried over

Mystery Prize – Skip Yetman – Great dive towel

June 29, 2022

1 officer, 6 members, 1 guest

SOCIAL MEETING

Social meeting at East Regiment Beer Co. (ERBC). WED Talk presentation at ERBC on technical diving of caves, shipwrecks, and mines by Heather Knowles and David Caldwell. Fantastic presentation with a combination of videos, beautiful still shots, and great discussion by two very skilled and experienced divers.

MEMBERSHIP

New prospective member, Drew Boles joined us and submitted his application for membership. It will be brought up at the next business meeting for voting.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Dodie Carvalho came to the meeting and looking in good spirits after her neck injury. The club presented her with a Twister Game.



JULY 16, 2022 from 8 am - 12 noon

Stage Fort Park • Gloucester, MA

Cost: \$18 - includes a BBQ and free t-shirt.

Whether you love diving, snorkeling, the ocean or even know of someone who does...
come share the passion!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

8:00-8:30 am	Registration for divers	10:45 am	Raffle announcements/ group photo
8:45 am	Orientation meeting		
9:00 am	Dive & fish count	11:30 am -12:00 noon	BBQ
10:30 am	Diving portion ends		

Note: The harbor master will be at the event, plus we will have kayaks in the water for support, a rescue plan in place, and guides in water.

Grand Prizes:

**A dive in the GIANT OCEAN TANK at New England Aquarium AND
7 nights stay and 5 days of diving TRUE BLUE RESORT/ Aquanauts-GRENADA**
Raffle Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. You can purchase tickets on eventbrite or at the event.

Lots of other raffle prizes including MW-4300 video light, Aqualung roller duffel bag, Fourth Element jacket, prescription mask, shorty 3 mm wetsuit, DAN products, Princeton Tec deluxe pack, night squid dive with Jerry Shine for two, photo dive with Andy Martinez, Scuba Sherpa for a dive, Megalodon sharks tooth, 7 mm dive booties, mask, fins, custom made octopus Afghan, ocean themed quilt and matching pillows, handmade wood lobster pen, Basket of Spicy Hot Sauces, membership Historical Dive Society, dive skins, sea glass jewelry, box of handmade chocolates, signed copy Into the Planet by Jill Heinerth, One Love One Ocean gift basket, Atlantis signed jigsaw puzzle, poster by Valerie Taylor poster, Ocean Metaphor Book, Stream2Sea, photo by Andrea Dec.

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The North Shore Frogmen's Club

Has meetings every Wednesday. Most are at Onion Town Grill in Danvers and begin at 7:00PM (dinner option at 6:00 PM). During the summer there are also beach meetings and WEDtalks at East Regiment Beer Co. in Salem. Check out the weekly Sunday dives and fun non-diving events! Visit northshorefrogmen.com for more information.

