



Air Bubbles

The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

October 2022

President's Message

By: Dylan Langelier

I feel like I was just talking about the start of our summer dive season and all the excitement to warmer weather and early season dives...then in the blink of a New England eye we are in the fall...where did all the time go!? Yes, we are in the fall and colder weather is right around the corner BUT thanks to science the water temps are still favorable (if not steamy) for us New England divers! So, let's keep it up and see how long our Sunday Burger King crew can stretch the season! I know Daryl is a year rounder! 😊 We have had a busy summer full of fun Froggie events from our regular social meetings and dinners at Onion Town Grill; to brewery nights around Beverly and Salem; to our annual Vermont dive organized by Annette Spaulding; to our Kennebunkport Maine dive hosted by Bill and Beth Wimsatt; to our outdoor movie night at Mary and Ray's; to the annual Bay State Council picnic and treasure hunt; and of course, our many rewarding dives around Cape Ann! We even helped out with a dive study sponsored by Epicore Biosystems, to help with proof-of-concept data prior to their work with US Navy divers! Most importantly, the club continues to grow which is very exciting and I would like to welcome our newest members Nick Makrys, Henry Millard, Michelle Dunleavy, and Keith Andersen (and his daughter Carys, our newest associate member)! WELCOME TO THE FROGGIE FAMILY!!!

We had three big fall events, the first was the annual Boston Sea Rovers convention October 1st and 2nd in Danvers, MA. As always, our booth was successful in publicizing our club and I thank the volunteers who worked throughout the two days. Second, on October 12th we hosted esteemed wreck diver and published author Captain Eric Takakjian. Third was the club boat dive on October 15th on Cape Ann Diver II out of Gloucester, MA. There are so many more events coming up so please keep an eye out for email announcements and check the calendar of events on the website www.NorthShoreFrogmen.com/events. I'm looking forward to the President's Banquet on December 17th at The Village Tavern in Salem, MA which is going to be a great celebration of the club. (We even have our own dee jay and we might even get a private ballroom dancing show by Mary and Ray!) Stay tuned for more details and ticket information and please note this new date. I hope to see you ALL there and at the upcoming, fun fall and winter events. As always please email President@NorthShoreFrogmen.com with any ideas, questions or even just to say hello!

Diver of the Quarter

Nick Makrys is a new club member and newer diver and is full of excitement when it comes to the sport. Nick is always asking great questions and eager to learn more about New England diving, everything from techniques and skills to gear and dive sites. Nick has attended multiple dives (and meetings/events) with the club and is always enthusiastic about his time with the Froggies.

Member of the Quarter

Greg Gingras is a newer member of the club but you wouldn't be able to tell as he is a constant face at both meetings and events. Greg always brings a great energy and enthusiasm to anything he attends and is always engaged in discussions on club ideas, planning or simply offering his help with whatever is needed.

Froggies Have Been Busy...

July 14th - Skip Yetman Presentation at The Roadhouse

The show must go on...so when Onion Town Grill had another event in their function room, the show was moved to The Roadhouse down the street. Also of note was when Dylan put in one ticket in the raffle and won, beating Vinny who put in nine! (Then, with great chivalry, Dylan gave the beach plaque to Vange!)



July 16th – NSF Assists With Women's Day Dive

Another great group effort where Dylan did the food shopping; Vinny, Bill, and Ray manned the grill; Ellen was the raffle queen; Mary kept the divers safe patrolling on her kayak; Alexine made dessert; Vange made sure guests only got one dessert; Daryl photographed, and Laura offered help wherever it was needed! Congratulations Susan on a very successful event! Dylan shops and auctioned off won by Metro West





July 17th – Old Garden Beach Sunday Dive

A great day of diving for Vinny Egizi, John Sears, and new member Keith Anderson, followed by lunch at Endicott Grill.



July 20th – WEDtalk

The Froggies went to the East Regiment Beer Company for a WEDtalk about the USS Constitution AKA Old Ironside, however the talk was canceled due to Covid. The Froggies remained on site and had a wonderful social meeting. Dylan organized pizza for everybody. About 14 members showed up, some not in the photo. We also voted in Nick Makrys, a new diver who got certified the previous Sunday



July 22nd – 30th – Annual Vermont Trip

By: Vinny Egizi

Diving and Kayaking at Spofford Lake, CT River, Sumner Falls; Space Station Sightings; Daryl Turns50; and We Make a Friend at Harpoon

Wow! What a fantastic VT trip, hosted by Annette Spaulding, from Friday July 22 to Saturday July 30. The week started out extremely hot and humid and was described as a Hawaiian Paradise by one sarcastic Froggie. This made tent pitching arduous for the four diehards who like the outdoors but made the 12 attendees who brought RVs and the eight others who had indoor accommodations glad they did. We were very happy that one of the eight was Mike Donovan, who we have not seen since COVID. The high humidity also brought some very powerful storms, downpours, and micro-bursts (directly over Annette's house), which made it intense for those in tents. By Tuesday, the humidity dissipated and the weather was much more comfortable, allowing for evening fires, star gazing, and International Space Station sightings.

The week's diving/kayaking locations consisted of a good combination of several CT River locations, the Williams River, and somewhat local lakes, and went something like this:

- Friday – Arrival and set up day
- Saturday – Silver Lake
- Sunday – Charleston Bridge
- Monday – Bellows Falls Portage and snorkeling on the Williams River
- Tuesday – Sumner Falls & Harpoon Brewery
- Wednesday – Ashley Ferry Landing
- Thursday – Down day (relax, drink, be merry, swim in pool, & dinner out)
- Friday – Spofford Lake
- Saturday – Pack up and leave day

Besides water-based activities, eating and drinking were the other two major activities. Annette planned a great dinner menu selection of lasagna, baked ham, chicken, pot roast, steak tips, and turkey dinners, while Ray and Vinny coordinated the breakfast dance (two big guys trying to coexist in the same space before morning coffee kicks in). The only glitch was when the oven did not work on chicken night, prompting Dylan to recommend using the BBQ. Since this was one of the rainy days, grill master Vinny cooked the chicken, Dylan blocked the rain using the Ukrainian umbrella he found in Silver Lake, and Bill cheered them on. Great team effort. After dinner on one of the days, we surprised Daryl by celebrating his 50th Birthday, complete with cake, party hats, and singing.

Daily Activities:

The rivers and lakes were warm with good visibility for the divers, and calm waters for the kayakers. The kayakers did a lot of bird watching, including sightings of loons, bald eagles, and osprey. Amy even attracted fish by digging in the sand during one beach landing. During all the trips, Dodie was a trooper. She slowly made her way to the water's edge in her neck brace and in her own words "felt sublime." For some of the divers, Sunday's dive was the first time down into the dark, murky depths of the CT River, where we saw the remnants of the previous Charleston Bridge and played with the many curious fish along the rocky base of the current bridge pilings. Although entering the water under the Charleston Bridge was easy, exiting the water required some expert skills of crawling through waist deep mud. On Monday, the weather was not that good so we did a short dive and kayak at the base of the Bellows Falls Dam at the portage location. Afterwards, the sun came out and we went to the Williams River at the bottom of Annette's road for some snorkeling and swimming before heading back to the house to relax in the pool. We also celebrated Daryl's 50th birthday! Tuesday's dive at Sumner Falls and Kayak down the CT River to the Harpoon Brewery is a club favorite activity. After the dives, the divers met the kayakers at the brewery for some good afternoon beers. One of the Harpoon Brew Masters (Spenser), a fellow scuba diver, joined us on the patio. Vange made him feel very welcome and he returned the favor by offering us a few cases of Harpoon beers. He also mentioned that he was getting married in Mexico, but had not been diving for quite some time and wanted to get back in the water. We invited him to our Wednesday dive at Ashley Ferry Landing and he showed up for a fun check out dive (he is ready for his wedding now). He also brought another case of a soon to be released Harpoon beer. On Thursday, the weather report was not very good and we decided this would be a great "down day" to sit on the porch, hang by the pool, visit the VT Country Store, and pretty much do nothing all day. It was a perfect rest day followed by a nice dinner out at the Black Rock's Steak House. Friday was our last dive day, which we spent at our very well-known Spofford Lake. Vinny found a net, which he gave to Annette, Daryl found a summer camp itinerary, and Dylan found several pieces of clothing and a cellphone. One of the campers came to see what we were doing and recognized one of the names on the camp itinerary as his uncle, so we gave it to him. Unfortunately, the week had to come to an end and on Saturday, the remaining Froggies packed up their tents, RVs, and belongings, and headed back to the reality of their homes. Now we focus our attention on planning the 2023 NSF VT Trip!

Thank you very much Annette!



Our new friend,
Spenser,
from
Harpoon
Brewery!



Meg!



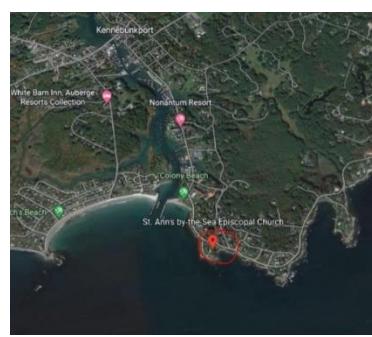
August 7th - Folly Cove Dive Followed by Double Bull Lunch

Vin, Dylan, and Bill had a beautiful day for their Sunday dive! Daryl and Vange joined afterwards for lunch.



August 14th – Maine Day with the Wimsatts

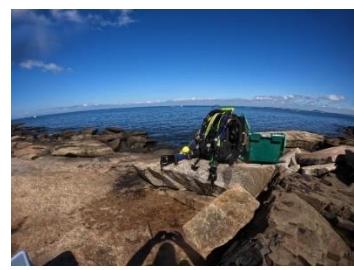
It was a great day with the Wimsatts and they planned a lovely day for us. Bill later said: “that set of timbers in the cove that Vinny found might have been from the wreck of the Schooner Empress in 1891. The locals are jealous!” (Note Bill’s neighbor and dog-walking buddy and it was great to catch up with Jim Smith!)



Thank You
Bill & Beth!!

August 28th – Lanes Cove Dive

Photos by: Daryl Findlay



August 31st – Independence Park Beach Meeting



September 14th – Outdoor Movie Night

On a perfect, starry evening, Ellen, Mike, Vange, Vinny, Daryl, Dylan, Alexine, and Nick enjoyed this annual event and watched the great dive movie, 13 Lives, at Ray and Mary's. This movie makes one proud to be a diver!



September 18th - Old Garden Beach Dive

Nick, Adi, Vinny, and Adam enjoyed a good day of diving!

September 25th – Dive & Picnic

A good day for a picnic! Not only was it fun but 450+ pounds of food was donated to Open Door Service Center in Gloucester. Thank you for the photos Mary, Daryl, Vinny, and Theresa Czeripica (South Shore Neptunes and Bay State Council)!



Did You Know...

...that the annual picnic was originally just our own NSF event, for years. Then we made it a multi-club picnic with MetroWest, and then added the Bay State Council, who used to have its treasure hunt event, also in the spring. We provided the food and the BSC planned the treasure hunt.



Spenser Update!



If you recall from the VT article above, the Froggies met Spenser at Harpoon Brewery during the camping trip. He was right about to get married and go on his honeymoon. He recently reached out to the club and here is what he had to say: "Despite three earthquakes and two tropical storms I dove El Morro in Banderas Bay, Mexico on my honeymoon! Thank you for making this dive possible by preparing me!"



Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2022

ATTENDANCE: 4 Officers, 9 Members, 1 guest (Drew Boles)

DIVE TALK: Members Skip and Eric did a checkout dive at Balsh Lake, E. Wakefield, NH. Depth 12 ft. Saw stuff. Upcoming Sunday Dive: Several people planning to be there; dive might be at Lane's Cove.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 7/13 - Presentation: Skip will show and talk about old style dive gear
 - 7/16 - Women's Dive Day: Parking App is available (10 days ahead). Parking at Stage Fort Park is \$30.
 - Ray made a motion, seconded and approved, that the Club would pay up to \$350 to supply cookout for this event. Includes cost of grill rental. NSF cards to hand out to attendees have been ordered.
 - 7/22-30 - Vermont Trip - Everyone who is signed up knows the drill. Dawn will organize a “picture night.”

OLD BUSINESS: Meeting Location - We will not be having meetings at Jubilee Yacht Club at this time. We are looking for a place to meet.

NEW BUSINESS: BANQUET: Motion was made and seconded. Vote to approve and reserve a space at the Village Tavern, Salem, MA for the President's Banquet on December 3 at 4PM - approved. **AIR BUBBLES:** Our newsletter is looking for a new editor. If you are interested in taking this on, contact one of the officers.

NEW MEMBER: Drew Boles submitted an application last week. At business this week, we were able to vote on his application, and he is now our newest member!

July 13, 2022

ATTENDANCE: 3 Officers, 7 Members, 1 Guest (random guy watching presentation)

Met at Onion Town Grill for dinner at 6PM. Function room was being used so we went to Roadhouse Pub and set up in the dart area.

PRESENTATION: Skip Yetman - Skip gave a great presentation to the club about his own personal vintage dive equipment (which he currently uses and maintains regularly). Skip was enthusiastic and knowledgeable. All in attendance enjoyed the interactive presentation, with some old enough to give their own stories of using the vintage equipment.

August 3, 2022

ATTENDEES: 4 Officers, 7 Members, 1 Guest (Henry Milward)

DIVE TALK:

- VT DIVE TRIP - (8 people who attended spoke about dives, finds, and fun). Spencer (Harpoon Brewery brewer) dove with us in VT and gave us three cases of beer.
 - JYC HELP - Vinny E and Daryl F helped a JYC member unfurl a mooring line around their propeller. Vinny dove and Daryl provided excellent boat support (even taking control of the ignition key while dive was in progress).
 - LOBLOLLY COVE - Greg and Karen P took boat trip there with great visibility and temp.

OLD BUSINESS: 12/3 BANQUET - Village Tavern reserved and 50% deposit paid. 9/25 PICNIC - Metro West will be joining us. Vote was taken and approved to spend >\$200 on food and grill for the picnic. 8/14 ME DIVE DAY - has been planned with Wimsatts.

MEMBERSHIP: Keith Andersen and daughter were voted in (family membership).

RAFFLES: Dollars Box – Bill Wimsatt (not present). Mystery Prize – Henry Millward

August 31, 2022

ATTENDEES: 4 Officers, 7 Members

DIVE TALK: Vinny E dove on Bailey Island, ME. Saw pottery remains from old gift shop that crashed into ocean in 1979, baby flounder, and lots of clams. Greg G went diving with Bill W, Nick M, and Daryl F to Lanes Cove and saw Peter G when they arrived (always diving early). Ray P, Vinny E, Bill W, and Dylan L went to

Kennybunk, ME to dive with the Wimsatts (Bill and Beth). Vange E, Daryl F, and Beth watched from the shore. Vinny E may have found the remains of an 1800's boat that sunk in Colony Cove.

OLD BUSINESS:

Upcoming Events

- 9/7 – BSC Meeting
- 9/14 – Movie Night at Mary and Ray's
- 9/25 – Club Picnic (BBQ has been reserved) - \$5 for non-members - raffles to be held.
- 10/1-2 – Sea Rovers with Cape Ann Diver II raffle prize

NEW BUSINESS: Planning club boat dive on Cape Ann Diver II. Message to be sent to members to get interest level and commitment. Early Oct tentative date. May also consider Nubble Light or Ft Whetherall.

Branded club clothing. We are running low on current inventory and may want to consider a new order of shirts.

MEMBERSHIP: Henry Millward voted in as a regular member.

RAFFLES: Dollars Box – Jim Follis (not present)

September 7, 2022

ATTENDEES: 3 Officers, 7 Members

DIVE TALK: John did pool work with scuba gear. Ray talked about his original certification dive. Nick M went to Lanes Cove with Bill W, Daryl F and Greg G. Nick M also went to Old Garden Beach with Daryl F and Adam H.

OLD BUSINESS:

Upcoming Events:

- 9/14 – movie night at Mary and Ray's (Daryl's house if it rains).
- 9/21 – regular meeting
- 9/25 – club picnic at Stage Fort Park - side dishes to be brought
- 9/28 – off site meeting (maybe East Regiment Beer Company)
- 10/1-2 – Sea Rovers -volunteers needed to help set up and do booth duty
- 10/8-9 – Cape Ann Diver II dive boat trip – need people to sign up
- 11/30 – officer nomination due
- 12/3 – Annual President's Banquet (Tavern in the Square)

NEW BUSINESS: Nominations for 2023 officers needed. Photo Contest to be held during election night (categories TBD)

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Talked about two books (Shadow Divers and Last Dive) and the story of the death of the Rouses (father and son) in both books. This led to a discussion of tech diving and gas mixtures.

Vinny E has a men's large DUI Seal TLS drysuit (and Rock Boots) for sale.

RAFFLES: Dollars Box – Al Morris (not present)

September 21, 2022

ATTENDEES: 4 Officers, 7 Members, 1 Guest (Bret prospective new member)

Did introductions of all attendees for Bret. Bret's a cold water diver, local, and diving since 2001

DIVE TALK:

- Vinny dove with Adam H, Nick M, and person who found us online who joined us (Adi). Went to Old Garden Beach. Lobsters, clams, and other sea critters seen. The four divers participated in the Epicore Biosystems sweat study (partnership with Gatorade and PepsiCo).
- Bret dove Folly Cove with son. Beautiful wildlife: moon snails, lobsters, sea raven.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 2022 BANQUET – Dylan will be on dive trip during the banquet. He is requesting a change to a later or earlier date. Motion raised to allow Dec 17th as the new date. Unanimous approval by membership at meeting. Venue is available.
- 2022 PICNIC – Sept 25th – May have diving influenced by Hurricane Fiona. Plans in place to host BBQ. Need message for side dishes and canned goods (Gloucester Food Bank). Mary/Bill will verify food to be delivered by Metro West. Mary will provide kayak for diving safety person.

- OCTOBER BOAT DIVE ON CAPE ANN DIVER II – Dylan trying to gather enough divers to reserve the boat. Tentatively week of Oct 8th or 15th. Bret may join the dive. Leaving at noon on the 8th or TBD on the 15th.
- SEA ROVERS – OCT 1-2 involves Friday set up time between 3-5pm followed by cocktail party and dinner out. Dylan will bring the tank lamp to attract good looking people. New photos available for the video presentation. Need booth duty volunteers. Ray to get more stickers.

NEW BUSINESS: Speaker Oct 12 – Eric Takajian. Looking for a venue to host speaking engagement. Will consider Onion Town Grill. Poster needed for Sea Rovers to promote the event which Daryl will design.

VIN'S VIGNETTES: Shoebert the Seal – Seal has entered the Shoe Pond at the Beverly Cummings Center. He seems to be enjoying the attention of residents and the fish available.

RAFLES: Dollars Box – Nick Makrys won. Not in attendance.

September 28, 2022

ATTENDEES: 3 Officers, 8 Members, 1 Guest

DIVE TALK:

- No diving at NSF and BSC treasure hunt. Members said it was good vis. No recreational divers.
- Susan C dove at her NY cabin and lake. Found bottles and other misc items in the lake. Susan checked out swimming areas and under dock conditions. 54F and 6' vis.
- John Sears went to OGB. 15-20'. Other divers saw a Mola Mola. 1 lobster.
- Bret and Dylan want to do a night dive.
- Susan has a dive at Hoop Pole Cove. Free parking. Rockport dive location.

OLD BUSINESS:

- SEPT 25 NSF PICNIC went well. Great job on the BBQ and Food Bank Donation of 450+lbs of food. After event drinks and food at Minglewood Tavern was attended by 9 members: Porters, Dursos, Vinny, John, Dawn, Dylan, and future member Adi.
- OCT 12 Speaker – Eric Takakjian - good to get a good speaker. May provide more publicity for future speakers. Flier and Sea Rovers brochure have good information about him. Promoted him at the NSF picnic. Recommend putting sign-up sheet at Sea Rovers to promote commitment. Suggest we promote a \$5 donation for the speaker. Put it in the weekly announcements and have a table set up to collect the funds. Pay to Northshorefrogs.com. Minimum allowance to be presented to speaker and to cover NSF Club promotional expenses. Will work with Undersea Divers to coordinate book sales raffle availability.
- OCT 15 BOAT DIVE – Reserved for at least 6 people.
- DEC 17 BANQUET has been rescheduled

MEMBERSHIP: New application for Bret Harrison and son Jace. Bret is advanced PADI certified and son is junior open water. Vote taken to admit Bret and Jace. Unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Schedule a night to do trivia at Onion Town Grill. Oct 19th proposal. Bret, Dylan, and Vinny have offered to help clean up the room and steam clean the carpet.

VIN'S VIGNETTE'S: Shoebert the Seal has been released into the ocean from the Mystic Aquarium.

RAFFLES: Dollars Box – Susan Copelas won and was in attendance.

Save the (NEW) Date
President's Banquet
12/17/22 @ Village Tavern
in Salem!



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The North Shore Frogmen's Club

has business meetings and presentations most Wednesdays, 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!



Air Bubbles

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