



Air Bubbles



The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

July 2023

President's Message

By: Dylan Langelier

The Summer has been good to the Froggies so far with plenty more months ahead for great diving!

As usual we have had a great lineup of events (and even better company) from the beach cleanup for Earth Day at Pebble Beach in Rockport, to a club favorite and highly attended Easter Egg party hosted by Dodie Carvalho, to another club favorite Ipswich River kayak trip, to our 2nd annual club trivia night hosted by our own trivia master Vinny Egizi, to picnic/beach meetings, to another fascinating WED Talk at East Regiment Beer Company on horseshoe crabs, to a club presentation on the incredible diving and marine life in the Philippines presented by Susan Copelas and Ellen Garvey, with lots of dinners and laughs together along the way!

I always say how lucky we are to have such a great shore diving area in our backyard and the Froggies have been taking advantage of that this summer! Regular and well attended Sunday club dives have had us around Cape Ann, with a popular choice being Old Garden Beach in Rockport for its ease of entry and marine diversity all in one spot! That said, we even made a club trip North to dive Nubble Lighthouse in York, ME, which was an incredible spot to visit and one I hope we make it back to soon!

We have a packed schedule of events coming up starting with an intimate look into diving in Cuba presented by longtime friend of the club Andy Martinez along with Ellen Garvey on Wednesday July, 26th, we have a club comedy night on Saturday, July 29th at Off Cabot comedy club in Beverly, just to name a few! Keep your eyes out for reminder emails as well as visiting the clubs events page on our website www.NorthShoreFrogmen.com.

As always please email President@NorthShoreFrogmen.com with any ideas, questions or even just to say hello!

Member of the Quarter

Dodie Carvalho is a longtime member of the Froggies and a constant willing hand to the club! Dodie regularly hosts events at her home in Rockport, a wealth of knowledge of the club's history and local diving. Dodie is always attending meetings, club events, showing up as shore support for dives and so much more. Dodie is also becoming a double life member this year!

Diver of the Quarter

Tim Byrne is a new member of the club, and since joining earlier this summer has quickly become a regular at our weekly Sunday club dives. Tim is passionate about the sport of diving and a great dive buddy to add to the Froggies.

Spring Froggies...

A Special Birthday Wish To Dodie



4/11/23 – Night Dive

We should do more of these



4/16/23 – Easter Egg Dive

For those of us that made it out, there was a great food and fun at Dodie's!



4/22 – Just Froggies helping out

Froggies attended a beach cleanup helping better our environment!



4/26 – A New Way

A new way for Frogmen to communicate quickly to the masses was pushed. GroupMe makes adding new members to chats for dives and other activities easy. Not signed up yet? Just scan the QR code with your smart phone.

North Shore Frogpeople Dive Group



Join on GroupMe

5/3 – Second Annual NSF Trivia Night

By Vinny Egizi

On May 3rd, the Froggies hosted a trivia night at Onion Town Grill as a follow up to last year's successful event, which was won singlehandedly by Jon Mulsman. This year there were 15 contestants, who divided themselves into 5 teams, and Vinny Egizi was the Trivia Master. The competition consisted of 4 rounds of general knowledge, literary, and science questions with increasing point value in each successive round. Several rounds had a bonus option to increase the point value for one question by 2x, 3x or 4x. In the 5th round, teams had the option to answer a question or complete a logic puzzle and were able to bet up to 100% of their points (essentially doubling their score). In the end, the winning team was "4-Square" (Ray P, Mary H, Linda P, and John C) with 100 points. "Brett and Peter Awesome Team" rebounded from a 0 in the first round to place second with 90 points, and "Vinny's Dependents" took third place with 70 points (even after scoring a goose egg in round three). Fourth and fifth places went to teams "Turtle" and "MOSOB" respectively. Contestants each chipped in \$4 and cash prizes of 60%, 30%, and 10% of the collection was given to the first three teams.



Here is a list of the questions asked....how would you have done?

Round 1

- Q: Area 51 is located in which US state?
- Q: On a dartboard, what number is directly opposite No. 1?
- Q: The likeness of which president is featured on the rare \$2 bill of USA currency?
- Q: Who is the author of Jurassic Park?
- Q: How many notes are there on a standard grand piano?

Round 2

- Q: What year did the website "Facebook" launch?
- Q: Who led 900 followers in a mass suicide in 1979?
- Q: What animal is known by the nickname "sea cow"?
- Q: What was the first patented service uniform in the United States?
- Q: What animal is the largest mammal in the world?

Round 3

- Q: What is the atomic symbol for copper?
- Q: What is known as "the brain" of the Computer?
- Q: Who penned the words, 'Hubble, bubble toil and trouble, fire burn and cauldron bubble'?
- Q: In what states are the most eastern and western points U.S.?
- Q: What disease can be caused by a lack of Vitamin C?


Round 4

- Q: What animal was Walt Disney afraid of?
- Q: Which element has the atomic number one?
- Q: What do you call a cocktail consisting of coconut milk, rum, and pineapple?
- Q: Which U.S State is the only state to grow its own coffee beans?
- Q: Prior to 1935 what was Iran known as?

Round 5 (choice of question or puzzle)

- Q: What is Cynophobia the fear of?
- PUZZLE: Crack the Password

Crack The Password?



A numeric lock has a 3 digit key

HINT

6 8 2	6 1 4	2 0 6
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One number is correct and well placed One number is correct but wrongly placed Two numbers are correct but wrongly placed

7 3 8	7 8 0
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Nothing is correct One number is correct but wrongly placed

5/13 – Ipswich River Canoe and Kayak

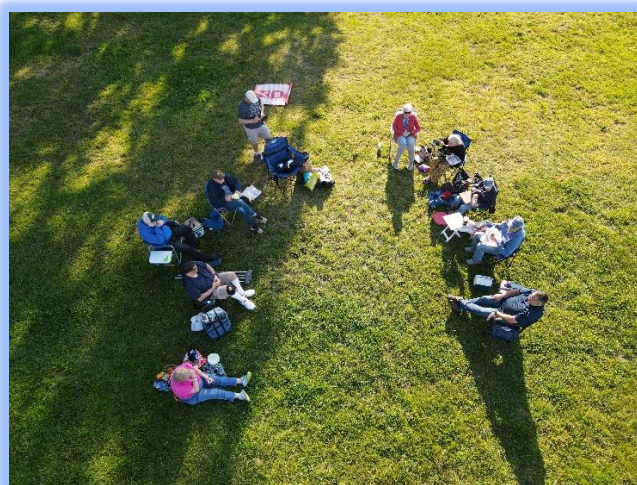
A beautiful day on the river



6/21 – Beach Meeting



Every once in a while, the froggies do things a little different!



6/28 Tubbataha Reef Marine Park Presentation

Ellen Garvey and Susan Copelas hosted a presentation on their recent adventures exploring the Tubbataha Reef Marine Park as well as critter diving in Bohol and Dauin in the Philippines. This event was hosted the Onion Town Grill as well as live on Teams for anyone who wished to attend virtually.



Just for fun

Can you find out what is special about this picture of one of the club's favorite divers?



Other Fun Stuff



Secretary's Minutes

Old Business

Kayak/canoe trip scheduled for Saturday, 9AM (so be there ready to leave by 9). BYOL (lunch). Bring your own boat, or reserve the boat you want yourself NOW. Bill spoke w/ Foote Brothers, same procedures.

Beach Clean-up Saturday, April 22. Total #6 "Froggies".

Club Trivia Night, May 3. 4-Square (Mary, Ray, Linda & John) won.

Banquet is currently scheduled for 12/16 at **Old Tyme Italian Cuisine**, but that could change.

New Business

Ropes Course: Brett and Bill are working on a ropes course currently scheduled for June 10, \$65/per person, 3 hrs. **Rappelling event** on June 24 at Red Rock Conservation area. **Also have possibly a Comedy night.**

Group chats: Fin and Dylan have been playing with this new app, GroupMe. Can have several admins. People can opt in and out. Don't need to be on social media. Will be getting away from the group text, and trying to get this up and working in the next couple of weeks. FREE; Microsoft product. Daryl will send out the QR code to the current text group. Will ask Ray to send it out to the Mail Chimp members group.

Potential new member: Tim Byrne, Advanced, Rescue, drysuit, from Salem. Vinny proposed, Bill seconded, accepted as our newest member. YAY TIM!!

This is our 65th reunion year. Will do "something special" at the banquet, and also new apparel to celebrate.

Dollars box

Peter Easler (not in attendance)

Adjourn 7:52 PM

May 17, 2023

Regular Meeting

May 24, 2023 (by Mary H)

Regular Meeting

Onion Town Grill

Call to order 6:58PM

Attendance

Officers 3, Other Members 6 (total 9)

Vin' Vignettes

Key Largo: Joseph Dituri, PhD @ U of Southern Florida, Dr. Deep Sea, has now passed the record for longest time living under water (74 days), @ 30ft, in Emerald Lagoon in Key Largo, plans to stay under water until June 9 when he's been under water 100 days; started March 1.

Dive Talk

Fin /this past Sunday dove at OGB. Tried out his scooter again, saw a lot of cool stuff, lots of flounder, little things, crabs, small toad crab, schools of small fish, but no lobsters. Other Club divers: **Dylan** and **Adam**.

Another group said viz was 15-20. Dylan saw good stuff too. The RAMP IS IN at OGB. Afterwards went to the Causeway.

Susan: Her flights worked out. 3 weeks in Philippines. 1st week in Tubataha, with a bunch of guests, great conditions, beautiful corals, mostly didn't see any big animals. 2nd week, land based in Bohol, lots of turtles, mandarin fish, muck diving. Great food, bar, at the resort, no complaints. And got to do a boat trip to dive with whale sharks. Last day she did "high adventure", saw little nocturnal monkeys, and a long-tailed monkey, and biggest zipline in the world. Then went ATVing. 3rd week, Susan was a guest of Lynn Funkhauser, Philippines, all muck diving, lots of photographers, 3x/day. She was happy with how well everything went.

Vinny: news writer Terry asked for photos that emulated the types of diving we do, so he sent several showing different things that we do.

Old Business

The lady from Epicor Systems reached out this week to see if we would do more diving with their sweat patches and give her any data.

We launched a new messaging system for the Club – GroupMe. Can do some good stuff with it. Have started to use this instead of texting. Encouraging other members to join up.

Annette and Vinny have been in touch. We will start making arrangements for the Vermont week soon.

New Business

Planning another BOD meeting, working on finding a good date for everyone.

Bill, Vange and Brett are trying to set up a Ropes Course June 3. Brett should send info to Ray so he can send out a message.

Susan and Ellen will give a presentation June 28 of their Philippines trip.

Beach meeting June 21. Location TBD.

Onion Town will probably be open for another year.

ICC might be available soon for Froggy events.

Mystery prize: Fin

Dollars Box

Hans H (not in attendance)

Adjourn 7:53 PM

May 31, 2023

Regular Meeting

Onion Town Grill

Call to Order 7:09

Attendance

Officers 4, Members 7 (Total 11)

Diver Talk

Dylan 98th dive

Tim Byrne and Adam

Old Garden Beach above water conditions excellent, Sunny & warm

Vis 5 to 10 feet, better at depth. Water temp 50oF, 51 feet max depth

Went to the Pinnacle. Saw sea raven, lobsters, moon snail, nudibranch and stuff.

Next Saturday Dive

Next Sunday not looking good

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July Bubble due July 1st for 2ndQ issue

Send to Brett by any means possible

Old Business

Ropes course postponed to Mid-July/ Late June

- Comedy Night looking for a show at off-Cabot. Dinner at Bonefish Harry (TBD determined)
- Beach meeting at Giles Beach (6/21)
- Boat Dive on Cape Ann II postponed, pole peoples interest (focus on August date)
- Vt Trip Planning to start feel out interest (7/14 - 22), potential rescue diving "course"
- Permit for Stage Fort Park received 7/17/2023 \$75
- Post Office Box payment made \$294

New Business

GroupMe signup push

Can use of for dive planning, other club planning for non-dive activities

Purchase of a small projector screen for presentations up to \$400

Proposal to change meeting day from Wednesday to Thursday

Need to confirm with Onion Town Grill about the date change

Interest in supporting East Regiment Brewery for their WedTalks

Presentation on Philippines 6/28 by Susan and Ellen

Screen, microphone, camera, Zoom connection

Dollar Box

Rich Kincade, not in attendance (\$61 in the pot)

Adjourn 8:29pm

June 7, 2023

Social Gathering

Onion Town Grill

Social Gathering / Trivia

June 14, 2023 (by Mary H)

Regular Meeting

Onion Town Grill

Call to order 7:04 PM

Attendance

Officers 2, Other Members 9 (total 11)

Dive Talk

Susan: Susan had gone to retrace Shackleton's adventure in the Antarctic. She was part of celebration when his boat was found, and then was invited to visit with Explorer's Club when they did that presentation, in NYC.

Met several of the scientists who found the ship. Susan was asked to provide an article for Air Bubbles.

Fin: Sunday dive, met at BK, 9AM. Chose Pebble Beach; lots of divers. Low tide. Fin did about 45 min, took photos of a sea raven. Clarity increased as he went out. Vinny went to the island at Cape Hedge. 21 ft. 60 degrees. Saw flounder, lots of small fish (cunner?). Adam and Tim B also dove. Best visibility seen in years!

Vin' Vignettes

Scientist who was staying @ 30 ft under water, Joseph Dituri, did make 100 days and has since surfaced.

Old Business

Vermont: Vinny spoke with Annette at length this week. Please let Vinny know your dates if you will be coming.

Dodie has one more bed.

Spencer (from Harpoon Brewery) update: He would love to join us for a couple of days of diving, and might bring his wife to kayak with us.

Banquet: Village Tavern, date available, need to guarantee 25 people. (\$550.) Dec 16. Mike/Bill made motion, passed.

Swag: Vinny made up a new 65th commemorative logo. Need a minimum of 24 items, with same silk-screened logo. Can be polo shirts, full zip hoodie, t-shirt, women's sizes. Prices \$20-\$75 depending.

Ropes course and rappelling put off to Fall.

Update on BSC Treasure Hunt from Susan: \$10 for all you can eat at the picnic. Do we want to donate to raffle? Or do we want to do something different for our raffle?

New Business

Duggie Russell will be playing music at the Ipswich American Legion this weekend.

Speakers:

6/28 (Weds) - Susan and Ellen on Philippines

7/26 (Weds) - Andy Martinez on Cuba

10/12 (Thur) - Horseshoe CRABS – Lives in Ipswich

Mystery prize

Vinny

Dollars box

Nick M (not in attendance)

Adjourn 8:15PM

June 21, 2023**Beach Meeting**

Social Gathering at Gillis Park, Beverly, MA

June 28, 2023**Special Presentation**

Onion Town Grill

Special Presentation on Diving in the Philippines by Susan Copulas and Ellen Garvey

Gentle Reminder: Air Bubbles welcomes your content, please feel free to write articles and submit pictures. Please email content to Brett Harrison @ ls6chevy@hotmail.com, make sure to edit “Air Bubbles” into the subject



**The North Shore Frogmen's Club
meets weekly for business meetings,
dives, and social events.
Please join us!**

**Air Bubbles**

The next quarterly edition of Air Bubbles will come out in October. All submissions should be emailed to Brett Harrison @ ls6chevy@hotmail.com by October 1st.