



Air Bubbles

The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

January 2024

President's Message

By: Brett Harrison

I want to introduce myself to those who may not have met me yet. I have been the editor of Air bubbles for the last year, taking over for Vange almost exactly one year ago, and now have taken a new position as club president. I am relatively new to the club joining a little over a year and a half ago with my then 12 year old son Jace, in a search to find more people to go diving with. I dive in a wet suit pretty much year-round and enjoy being in the water. As I take on this new role of president, I have decided to pass the role of Air Bubbles editor to Vange, the former editor of Air Bubbles. I am truly looking forward to 2024 with the North Shore Frogmen and hope to dive with all of you at some point during the year!

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

Member of the Quarter

Daryl Finlay is not just a life member, he has been to more club dives this quarter than anyone else in the club. He has been the stable figure for Sunday dives as well as the club tech guru and an active board member. We consider him a pillar of the club and I would like to recognize him as such.

Diver of the Quarter

Matt Meyer, although new to the club, is an avid diver, often coming to club meetings immediately after a dive. He dives in cold and warm water, and dives often. As a former Neptune member, we welcome him to the club and hope we can come close to the amount of time he is in the water.

10/14/23 Living Dangerously?

Or just having fun

Figuring out the path!



The After Party



A drink after a tough climb!!

10/29/23 – Pumpkin Dive



Some nice pumpkins!!



And let's not forget the post dive costume party



And the winners for best costume and best pumpkin are...



11/5/2023 – A Father Son Dive

Any dive I get to go on with my son is a good dive, and the weather was great!

A quick pep talk from dad



Afterwards, Jace said “Dad, it’s the last dive of the season for me, it’s too cold”

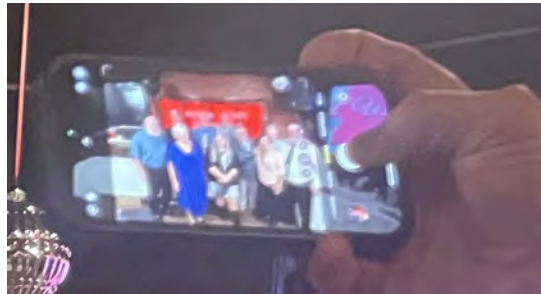
A big thanks to ***Fin*** for the pictures!

12/16/2023 – The President's Annual Banquet

Good food and a Great Time! Here's to our life members!



(How the magic is done for Air Bubbles)



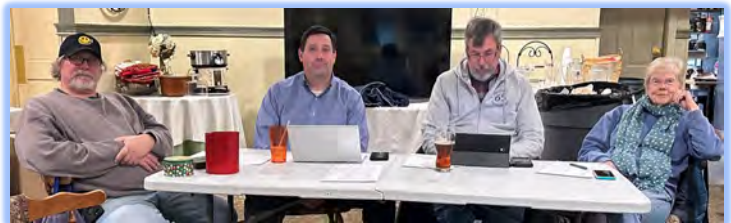
And let's not forget this Snazzy life member!



Presented by:



12/21 The Change Over



A big **“Thank You”** to Dylan and Vinny for their Service as President and Vice President

And an extended **“Thank You”** to Mary and Ray for being awesome!

12/28/2023 – A Pizza Tradition

When is the pizza coming??



Let's get right into the Yankee Swap!!

*(And who keeps bringing the **lobster dinner**??)*



Let's not forget our special guest, Allegra, raising money for a Marathon! Does Allegra look familiar? She just might be a relation to two other Froggies we all know...



A President's Thank You

By: Dylan Langelier

Hello Everyone,

I want to wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year!

It has been a wonderfully fulfilling and great learning experience these past two years as the President of the club. I am incredibly grateful for each one of you for not only welcoming me into the club in 2019, but, warmly embracing me (and my ideas) as the face of the North Shore Frogmen.

I hope that I held that role and responsibility well, honored and respected the history and traditions of the club, made you all feel heard and supported, and that you all had lots and lots of fun over these past years. I think of the old camping analogy of “leaving the space in even better shape than I found it” and if you feel I did that then it was a success.

I came into the position wanting to grow the membership, see more divers regularly in the water, improve our use of technology, and do a whole bunch of fun activities. Looking back, I can honestly say that many of those goals have been seen, but like any storied club or organization the efforts never stop to not only sustain but keep growing.

Transitions and change are always full of mixed emotions and this is no different for me. I shared at the banquet, and even more with my family that this club has become such a big part of my identity, and you all have become incredible friends and an extension of my family. Looking back I truly cannot believe how active we are as a group, and thinking about all of the events, activities, and diving that has taken place (especially when looking at the beautiful collage I was gifted – many thanks for that!) I am amazed.

As enthusiastic and excited I was when I started the role, I am equally as excited to pass it off into the hands of Brett Harrison, not because it is time (which it is), but because I know Brett will hold the role with that very excitement, passion for diving, appreciation of the clubs history, hard work, and bold ideas I had when I started and know he will excel and continue moving the club forward.

Thank you all again from the bottom of my heart, it was an incredible honor being the President of the North Shore Frogmen. I cannot wait to begin all the fun events of 2024 as a member of this great group!

1/1/2024 – New Years Day Dive

The usual suspects! From the way everyone was dressed, you would almost think it was cold!



Some of us prefer to stay dry



At least it was not low tide!!



“That was like Bath Water”
-Nick



Post dive party at Doddie's!



1/13/2024 Winter Walk



Danger is our middle name



Sometimes we are lost....



But always having fun!



1/18/2024 Sea Hunt!



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1/28/2024 – Planning Meeting

A big thank you to everyone that came! For those who didn't come but are considering coming in June, we had a great time and no one was hungry for two days after!!



And you thought you were ready for the hot wings challenge...



NSF Diving Challenge!



Are you a Year-Round Diver?

Complete the challenge and win a “Year-Round Diver” tee shirt!

Here’s how the challenge works:

1. Email Vange Egizi at vangiemassagain@yahoo.com to register for the challenge.
2. Pay Vange the \$5.00 registration fee.
3. Complete 4 NSF Sunday dives: 1 during each of the 4 calendar seasons, on or before December 31, 2024.
4. Email Vange within one week, after each of your 4 seasonal dives, to receive credit.
5. Request your “Year Round Diver” tee shirt.

Questions?

Email Vange Egizi at

vangiemassagain@yahoo.com

A Note from the Air bubbles editor

It has been fun creating content that hopefully you have all enjoyed! Since I am taking on a new role as president, I am retiring as editor....for now. You may recognize our new editor, Vange, who, for a non-scuba diver, is very active in the club. I want to take a moment to thank Vange for all of her efforts and for taking on Air Bubbles again.

Not on the Group Chat Yet?

Gentle reminder, if you are not on the group chat, please sign up. It is the easiest way to keep in touch with the club and dives!!



Q4 2023 Meeting Summaries

October 5, 2023

Regular Meeting at Onion Town Grill

Called to Order 7:22pm

Dive Talk

Sunday, Misery Island Vis 5 ft, 8 lobsters caught. water temp low 60oF,]

Wednesday, Man found dead on Front Beach. Was a diver who was diving with another buddy who was also found dead. Susan reports they were testing new equipment for a trip to Venezuela.

Air Bubbles Due

Closing date for activities is Sept 28. Articles due.

Old Business

Annual Picnic and BSC Treasure Hunt

105 people fed: 68 non-club members, 23 MWDC, 21 NSF

\$680 collected from non-club members. \$43 net revenue from Beverage raffle. Net cost to MWDC and NSF was \$54 each.

Froggie Wear

Order for Froggies Wear is above limits for placing the order

Count for hat to wait for until we get over a dozen with extra for new members.

Ropes Course

Saturday, Oct 14 from 9 to 12 at Berlin or Reading (weather dependent)

Notice to go out

New Business

Elections - openings for all offices

Speaker Presentation - Send notice out to members a couple of days before meeting. Sent link out on Teams. Post link on Facebook with control of those who log in.

Movie Night

Attended well. Highlighted the highlights of the movie.

Paul Sauvago in-law Rita pass.

Ronny Brennen (long time past member) in for open heart surgery.

Dollars Box - Damien Mangini

Adjourn 8:07

October 12, 2023

Special Presentation – *Crab Wars*

October 19, 2023

Regular Meeting at Onion Town Grill

Called to Order 7:20pm

Members Present 14 members (3 officers and 11 members), 1 guest

Membership

Matthew Meyer application accepted meyer.matthew1215@gmail.com

Jeff West and Dan West application accepted tacklbry@hotmail.com whould326@gmail.com(?)

Dive Talk

Matt Meyer: Boat dive to recover a mooring near Beverly Farms

Old Garden Beach earlier today for lobsters.

Drew Boles looking to dive this weekend.

Weekend weather is questionable, with North winds and lots of rain.

Old Business

Pumpkin Carving at Independence Beach, Beverly 10:00 am for pumpkin prep. 10:30 in water. 11:30 out of water for pumpkin display.

Bring pumpkin and carving tool.

Party at noon (do not show up early) Chili and cornbread provided, other food sides welcome. Holiday costumes encouraged.

Froggy wear order submitted. Receipt of item in about 3 weeks.
Confirm hat order for 12 hats. Consider ordering for 24 for future hat sales.

Corn maze at Connors Farm, Saturday 10/21 (probable rain out).

Social meeting 10/26 at Double Bull (dart theme)

Fall Hike at Dog Town in Gloucester. November 18

Officers open for the coming year.

New Business

President's Banquet 12/16

Need to plan details of this event.

Photo Contest photos

Above water and below water.

Dollar Box - Mike Garvey

Adjourn 8:03

October 26, 2023

Social Meeting at Double Bull

Photo Society Zoom Meeting

November 2, 2023

Regular Meeting at Onion Town Grill

Called to Order 7:05pm

11 members (4 officers, 7 members, 0 guests)

Dive Talk

Pumpkin Carving Dive

7 divers, 6 pumpkin carvers, Fin took photos of those divers he could find.

Angus was a guest, attending his first club dive.

Brett dove with a 100 cf tank, which showed 750 psi at 9 feet of water.

Mary dived with her "new" yoke regular won at Sea Rovers several years ago.

John Sears provide the chips and dip that he provided the day before.

Post Dive Party

Good food contributions from those attended.

Vinny made chili that was hardy and filling

New Business

Sea Rovers booth at for the 2024 event approved.

New Member Application for Dave Neitzel - approved

Photo Contest

Need to submit photos

Send out parameters for the contest in a separate email.

Nominations

Officers needed for coming year.

Roles officers reviewed by those currently in office.

President's Banquet

Village Tavern confirmed

Menu selected with improved option

Slide show highlighting the 65th Anniversary incorporating historical photos.

Fall Hike

Gloucester Dog Town - Sat., Nov 18

Cape Ann II did not respond to previous inquiries.

Rockport divers, bad air or diver error

Dollars box (\$80) - Matt Meyers

Al Morris

Bug Bag (\$25 99 Restaurant) - Mike Dennler

Adjourn 8:11

November 9, 2023

Regular Meeting at Onion Town Grill

Called to Order 7:11pm

Members 9, (officers 4 members 5)

Dive Talk

Salt Island

Matt saw a lot of large lobsters some with eggs

Long walk from parking lot and long swim to dive area.

Old Garden Beach

Brett and Jace saw Sea Ravens, Flounder, lobsters and crabs.

Old Business

Nov 16 East Regiment Brewery night

Pizza or food from East Regiment

Froggie ware will be available for pickup

Nov 18, Saturday, Hike at Dog Town in Gloucester 10:00am

New Business

Elections

November 30 Elections to be held.

Slate of officers to be sent to members Thanksgiving week.

Member of the Year and Diver of the Year are also voted.

December 14 Officer Change over

December 21, Pizza part on last Thursday of December

Dollar Box Peter Cassidy

Adjourn 7:45

November 16, 2023

Social Meeting at East Regiment Brewery - Club Night Out

November 30, 2023

Officer Election and Photo Contest at Onion Town Grill

Called to Order 7:00pm

Members 19 (Officers 4, Members 13, Associate 1, Guest 1)

Officer Elections

Voting for Club Officers, Diver of the Year, Member of the Year

Photo Contest

32 photos submitted. Voting for 5 top favorites

Dive Talk

Greg - Dive on live-aboard in Norway and snorkel with whales (Orcas and Humpbacks). Rented wet suit and gear locally. Vis was about 40 ft.

Old Business

Next Meetings

Dec 7 - Onion Town Grill

Dec 14 - East Regiment, Beer and Movie (Sea Hunt)

Dec 21 - Officer Change Over

Dec 27 - Pizza Night, Yankee Swap, Boat Charter Raffle (Jack Watkins)

Annual President's Banquet, Dec 16, 4:00 - 8:00pm

Dress Code - dressy

65th Anniversary door prize

Slide show of divers over the years

Pass the enthusiasm for the club with new members

New Business

New Years Day Dive (Jan 1)

Party at Dodie's - Dodie to make chowder and mulled wine, Other bring food to share

Dive at Loblolly

Raffles

Dollar Box - Annette Spaulding

Bug Box - Greg Gingras

Adjourned 8:08

December 7, 2023

Regular Meeting at Onion Town Grill

Guest: Angus (joined the pumpkin carving dive)

Called to Order 7:21pm

Total 11 Members (Officers 3, Members 7)

Dive Talk

Going with South Shore Neptunes on Boston Scuba boat

Full boat rate is \$75

Old Business

Annual Banquet

- Confirm chicken or fish meal
- Nearly full schedule
- Presentation of 65th anniversary, commemorative gift
- Raffles: dive computer, beer cooler, and stuff
- East Regiment Brewery as a post event gathering

Air Bubbles - 4th quarter addition

needs content

East Regiment Brewery 7/14

Sea Hunt videos

Officer Turnover Meeting Thursday, 12/21

Pizza Party Thursday, 12/28

Yankee Swap

Vange's daughter - Alegra

New Years Day Dive and Party

Loblolly dive site

Party at Dodies

Dollar Box: Mike Dennler \$57

Adjourn 7:50

December 14, 2023

Social Meeting at East Regiment Brewery and Sea Hunt Videos

December 21, 2023

Officer Change Over Night at Onion Town Grill

Called to Order 7:18

Total Member 16 (Officers 4, Members 12)

Dive Talk

Susan - Roatan, 28 people, rainy the whole time. Low visibility.

Saw 2 new species of shrimp and squid during night dive.

Adam was also in Roatan. There was a lot of road construction causing lots of silt into the water. Use of Gopro for a quick picture.

Dylan - Cozumel with Under Sea Divers. Got his certification at this location, previously. Coral was healthy, Drift diving was easy. Saw lots of Morey eels, neft shark. Dove on the Hemlet Hooker. Used Gopro for videos and pictures.

Jeff and Dan West present at new members.

Old Business

Pizza Party at Onion Town Grill (Lisa to host)

6:00 Social

6:30 Pizza

7:30 Yankee Swap

Raffle prize for Alegra for the Boston Marathon

New Years Day Dive

10:00 Dive at Lob Lolly

Noon Party at Dodie's (bring something to share)

Officer Change Over (new session)

New Business

Planning Meeting (Sunday, 7/28 at 2:00pm)

BOD Meeting (Saturday, 7/27 at 2:00pm)

8 Sunrise Drive, Haverhill

BOD roles

Susan and Fin approve for role on the BOD

Activities in January

New Years Day Dive (Jan 1)

Margaritaville and Aquarium/IMAX (Jan 20)

Business meeting, review 2023 budget

East Regiment and Sea Hunt

OTG and Trivia or Movie Night

Winter Diving - Club Supported Dives

White Beach in Manchester by the Sea

Air Bubbles content needed (deadline Dec 31)

Dylan to be AB editor for 2024

Dollar Box Peter Garchinski

Meeting adjourned 8:11

Gentle Reminder: Air Bubbles welcomes your content, please feel free to write articles and submit pictures. Please email content to airbubbles@northshorefrogmen.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 May All submissions should be emailed to airbubbles@northshorefrogmen.com by April 1st .