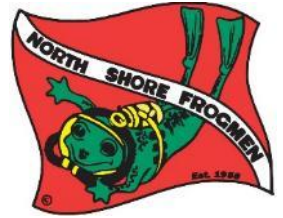


Air Bubbles



The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

April – July 2025

President's Message

By: Brett Harrison

As we quickly scoot past the halfway point of the summer, I cherish the remaining warm days we have ahead of us, the outdoor activities, including diving as well as the other fun things we do this time of year. It has been great seeing a lot of you at dive sites and hope to see more froggies as we slowly drift into fall. If you see someone you haven't seen before, say hello!

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

Divers and Members of the Month

April

- **Diver** – **Jeff West** has been an active diver in the colder months, and he was the only Froggie to find the only white round object during the Easter Egg Dive.
- **Member** – **Brenda Flaherty** has been really active in assisting with activities including supporting and running the Easter Egg dive as well as the beach cleanup.

May

- **Diver** – **Adam Hartnett** was the majority leader in club dives in May, and possibly coming close to Fin in lifetime dives!!
- **Member** – **Jeff West** pioneered a new “Hawaiian” Frogmen shirt and started a trend, not many Froggies have changed the dress code!!

June

- **Diver** – **Tina Prevost**: It was tough to pick for June as multiple people were considered, but Tina shone through as our diver.
- **Member** – **Ray Porter** has done a lot for the club over the years, and has hosted many, many club supported dives, including skills dives. Thank you, Ray, for running the bouncy course!

July

- **Diver** – **Rebecca Imperiali** really came out for the dives in July!! Rumor has it, she does not use her tank to breath under water.
- **Member** – **Tina Prevost** for her efforts in getting club involvement in the Fish count

4/17/25 Froggies Above Water?

Watch out for the snakes!

Every year froggies take to the water for the annual kayak trip. We had quite a good turnout even with the possibility of rain. Fun was had by all!!





Trying to catch up!

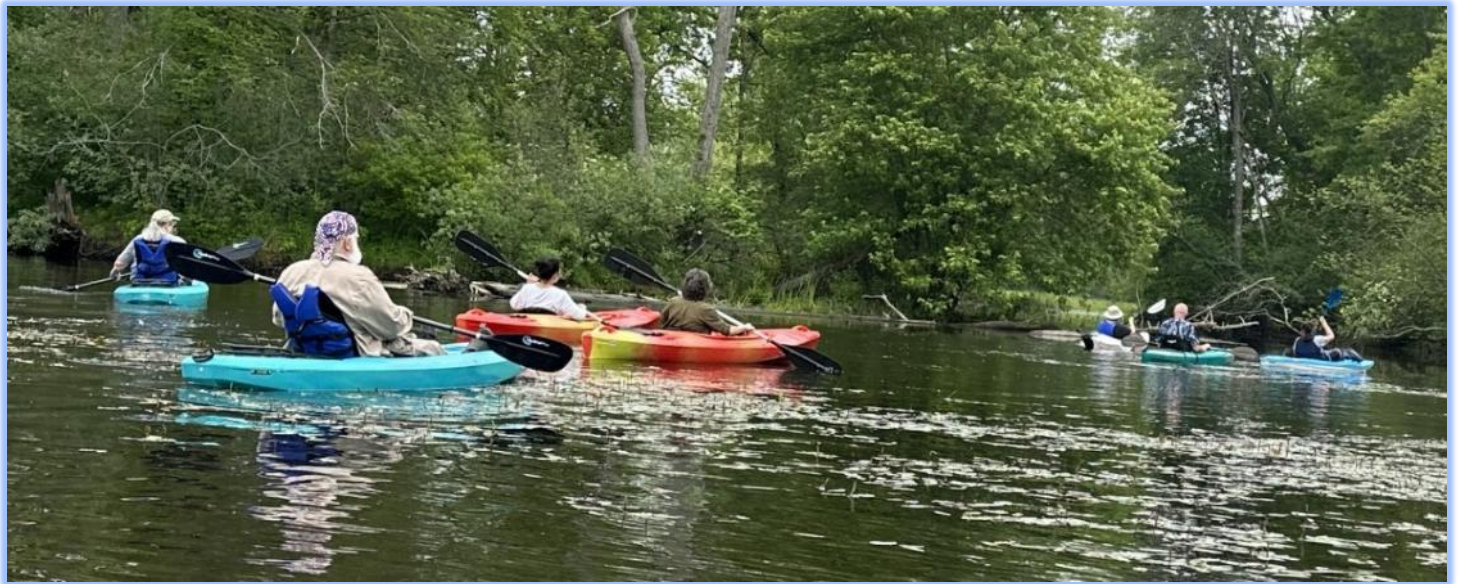


Is it wrong to take an ocean kayak on a river?

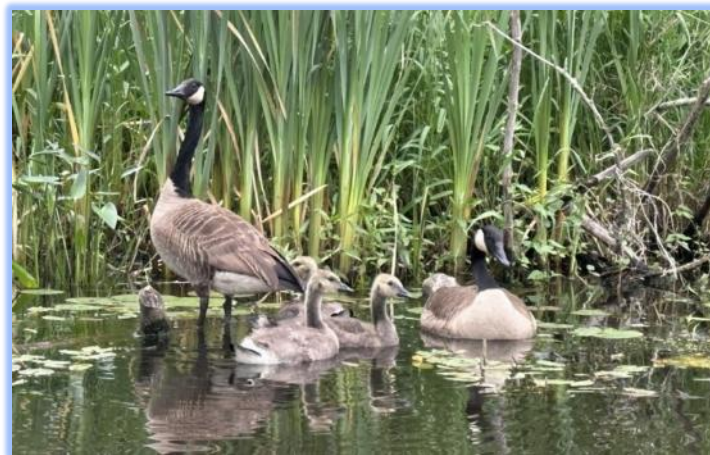


Let's break for lunch!

Off we go again!



Ahh...the wild life!!



Watch out for snakes!!!



*I felt like someone said it was going to rain
Hint: It was Dawn, and it down poured at the very end!!*



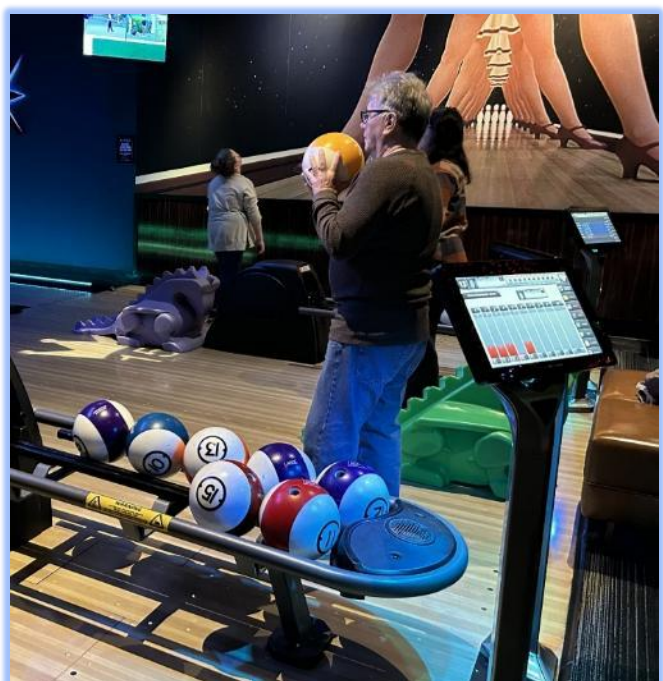
4/12/25 Froggies Bowling?

Born to bowl!

Bowling was a great outing for a raw drab day! We had quite the crew show up to knock the pins down. The most amazing thing was that I had a better score before I arrived. To keep my spot in the lineup, my name was added to the lane and Froggies took turns bowling for me until I arrived. It was interesting to see just how much my score dropped when I started bowling!



Serious bowlers only!





Our support structure





The after party was just as good!!



4/17/25 Dinner Out

A bit away from the norm, but always nice to get out!



4/17/25 Easter Egg Hunt

A big thank you to Brenda for hosting! We can't say that all the eggs were found, but we can say congratulations to Jeff West for finding the closest thing to an egg!



Is that Skip???

5/4/25 Old Garden Beach

A dive before Star Wars!



Do they even know what a wet suit is?



May the 4th Be With You

A movie night with the president. We thought it would be a good idea to celebrate May 4th with a Star Wars movie at the president's house, and we cannot have a get together without food! We started with a potluck themed buffet followed by movie theater popcorn for the movie.



5/8/25 Ellen Presents on Africa

Ellen did an awesome presentation on her safari style trip to Africa to the club. Even though there was no scuba diving involved, it was still captivating. From the lions feasting on their pray to the hot air balloon ride, it was a great presentation. A big thank you to Ellen for presenting to the club again!



*Ellen saying “come with me on a journey”
(A note to Ellen: Sorry I didn’t get a picture of you speaking with your eyes open!)*



5/11/25 Old Garden Beach

This view should be familiar to all of us!!



Got my fins, why aren't we in the water?

5/18/25 Folly Cove

Ahh, the rock shuffle!!



5/31/25 Nubble Light House

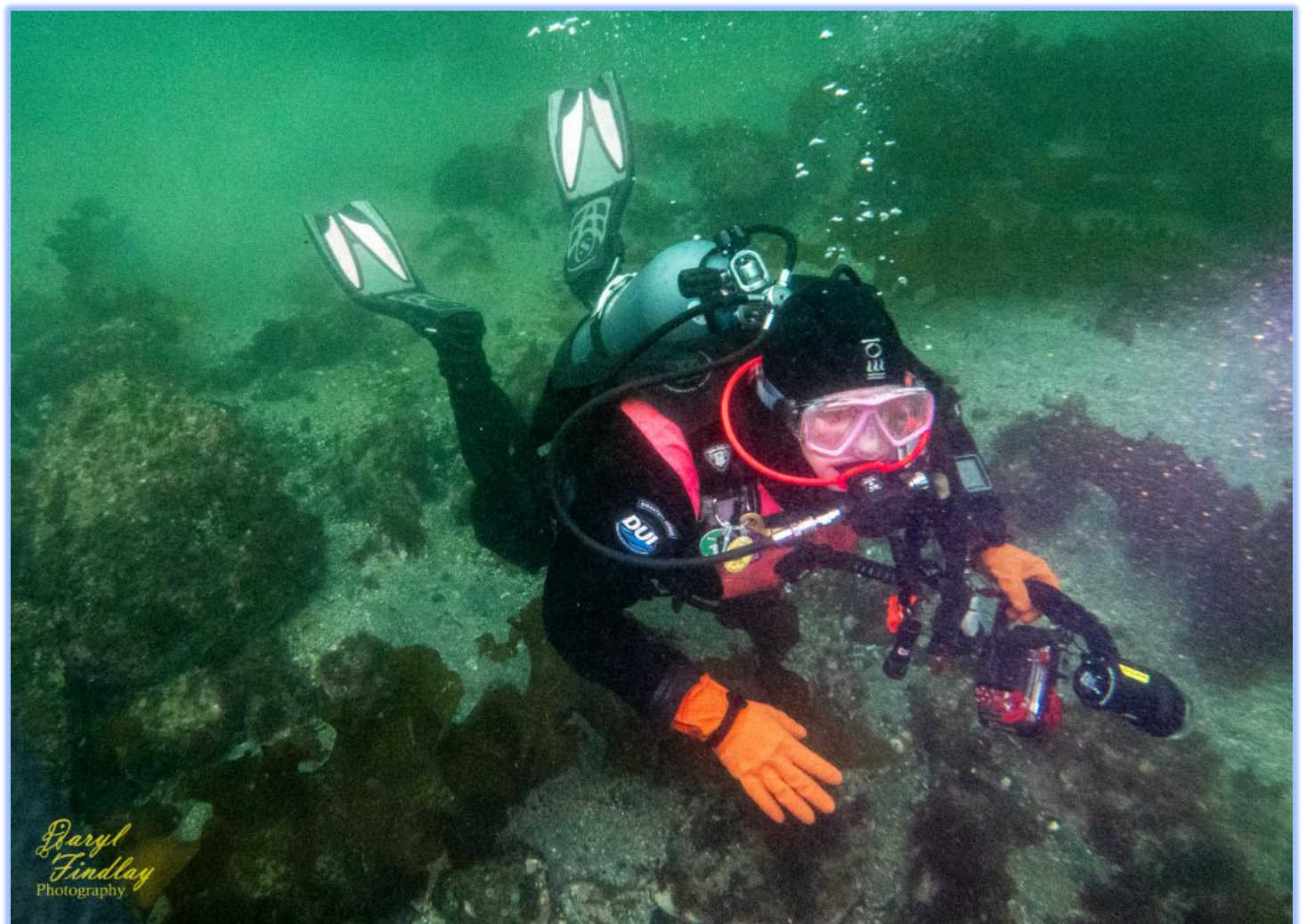
We need to schedule another trip out there! Even though it was foggy, visibility was still good! As usual Fin went his own way and then snuck up on us during the dive.

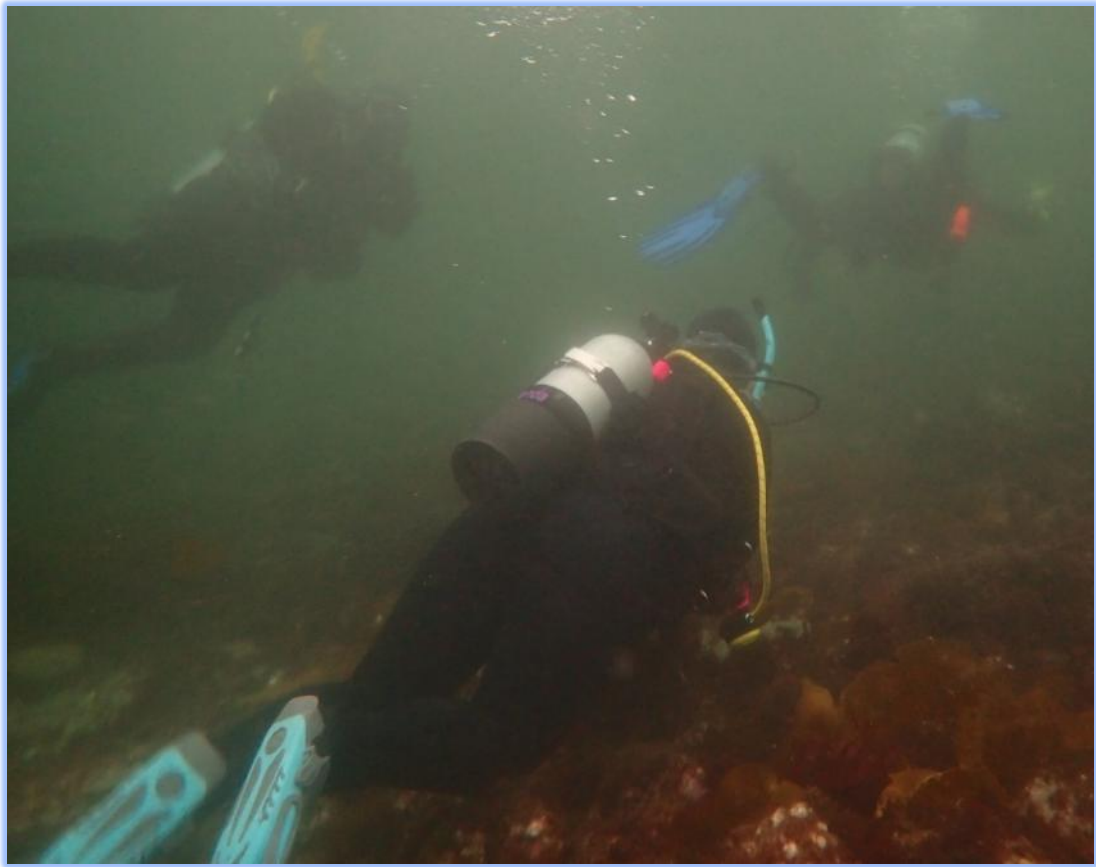
The two pictures below are a good indicator of how foggy it got!



The crew!

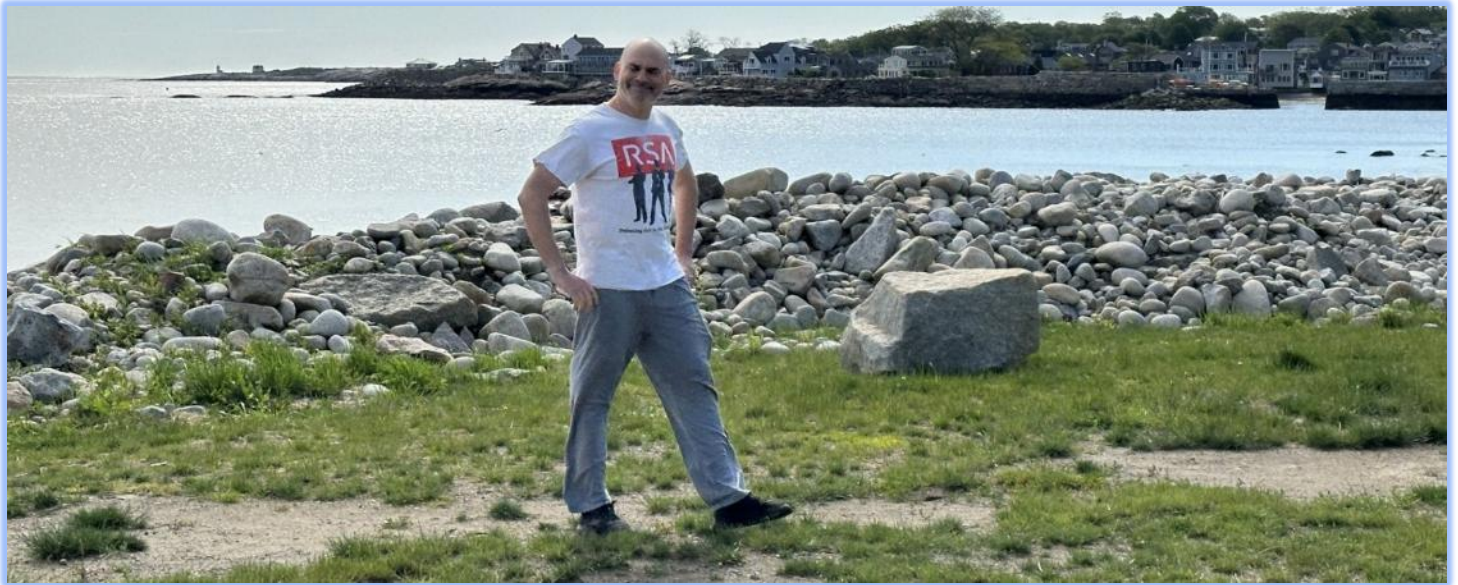






6/1/25 Back Beach

We don't go here often enough! The weather was great, the visibility was really good until we got past 20 foot, and then the seaweed kicked in.



Getting geared up!



6/8/25 Lanes Cove

Shuttle Service! After hearing Matt tell the story how he was out at Lanes and came back from the dive to everyone's tires slashed, I have offered shuttle service to park the cars on the opposite side away from the boat ramp and house.



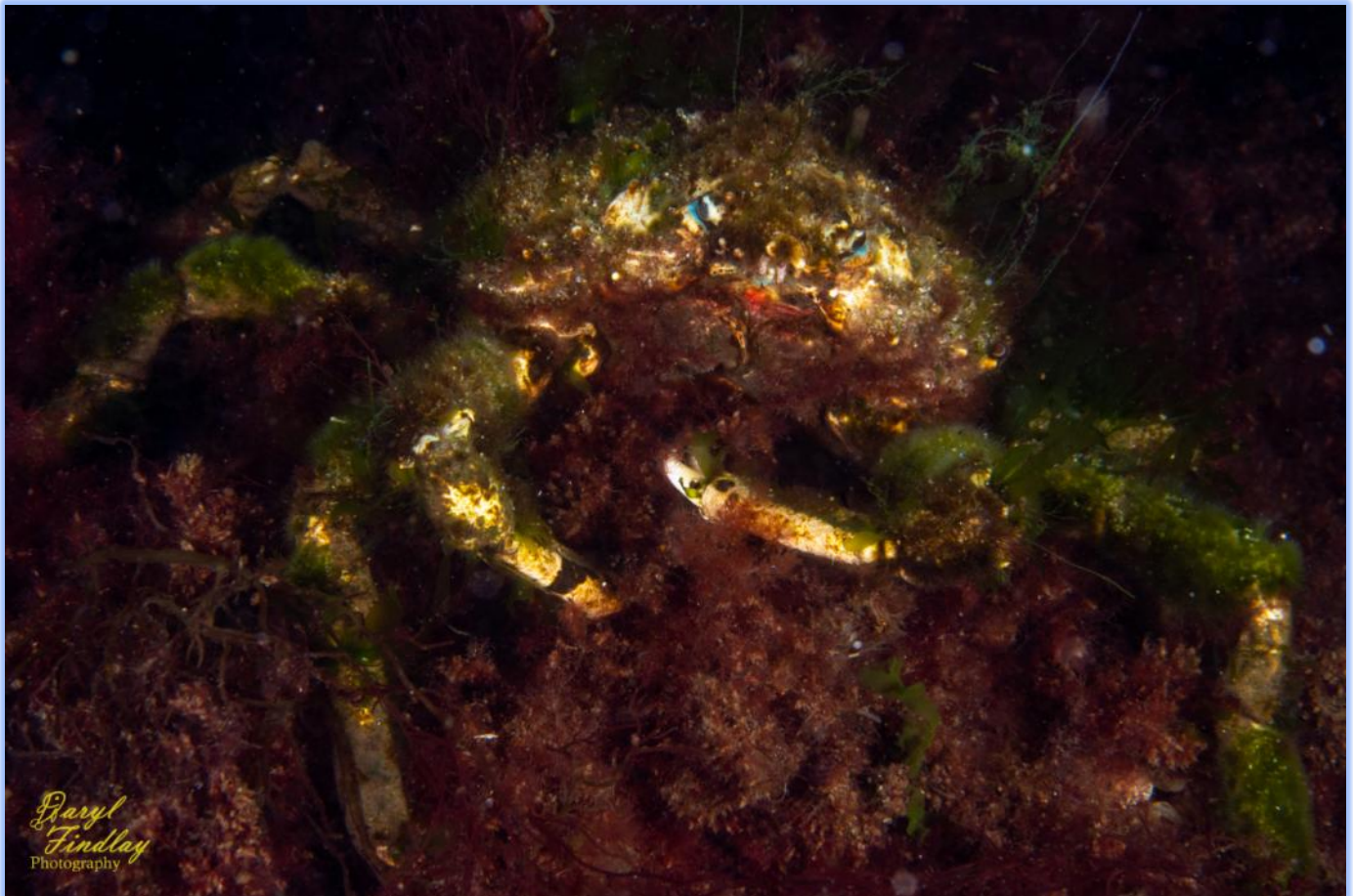
6/13/25 Beach Meeting

Always a good time!



I have not seen so much excitement to get in the water, by the time I got there, almost everyone was in the water and it was $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before dark. I made it to the shore and to see the last Bryce 100 yards ahead of me in the ocean. If I could only channel that much enthusiasm every dive!

Below...the wildlife!



6/21/25 The Planning Meeting

"I will cook...they will come" is the motto of all my planning meetings. This meeting was more of a breakfast theme with homemade pancakes, French toast, waffles, eggs, bacon, sausage and much more. No one left hungry! A big thanks to Skip, Mary, Charlene, and Kory for making it out to Haverhill to help plan out the second half of the year.



6/22/25 Old Garden Buoyancy Skill Dive

Instructor Ray helps us hone our buoyancy skills with an underwater course. A big thanks to Mary and Ray for setting up and managing the course!!



Our youngest Froggie makes an appearance, only to experience a BCD failure at the shore! Jace came out ready to hone his buoyancy skills only to find out his BCD did not hold air even though we tested it the night before. Off to the dive shop it went for service.



Buoyancy, who knew?

6/28/25 Repelling

Two Froggies Get Lost in the Woods! Bill and Brett planned and hosted a repelling event and due to a miscommunication were the only ones who made it to the site and said “let’s hike instead”. A simple hike up to the cliff turned into an off-trail expedition for over 5 miles. Both Brett and Bill felt more rugged after the hike was complete!



The back side of the rock.

Interesting finds in the woods, and yes, we did leave the two dollars under Patrick.



6/29/25 Old Garden Beach

It was a crowded day at old garden! Who knew it was instructor led dive day at Old Garden? Luckily Jace's BCD was back from being serviced. Jace made it 6 foot into the water only to find out that air was still leaking from the purge valve! Heading back to the dive shop after the dive. It turned out that there was a small bit of shell that was in the inflator hose that would randomly get stuck in the valve holding it open.



7/7/25 Old Garden Beach

The Giant Jelly Fish Have Arrived! Do you know what is better than a hot cup of coffee? Swimming face first into tentacles of a giant jelly fish!! I can honestly say I have not seen them scuba diving in New England before.



7/27/25 Old Garden Beach Navigation Skill Dive

Ray tries to teach old dog new tricks. Some say 40 degrees is 40 degrees, but we differed on our 40-degree angle. Again, big thank you to Mary and Ray for hosting the supported dive.



Random Pictures

If you dive for long enough, you may experience gear failure. I forgot my computer in the car at Folly and dove off just my pressure gauge. The next week, my gauge was 1200 psi higher than my computer at the halfway mark, luckily, I went with my computer!

In the middle of a different dive, my light shut off, I turned it off and back on again, and then it flickered. Luckily it was a day dive and not a night dive. Note, always bring a spare flashlight on a night dive.



I saw this at Folly cove, the picture does not do justice to how deep the rust was at the bottom of the tank. I was wondering how it passed visual inspection, my only thought is that the person wasn't filling the tank at a dive shop...



The weird stuff you find under water! The clear plastic is what's left of a mylar balloon.





A Note from the Air bubbles editor

If you enjoy Air Bubbles and you have content you would like to see in the next newsletter, please email it to Airbubbles@NorthShoreFrogmen.com, pictures and articles are always welcome! A big thank you to if you took a picture and it made it to this publication! This newsletter depends on photos and content!

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!!

The left QR code is for the main group.



The right QR code is for Dive Chat only.



Q2 2025 Meeting Summaries

NSF Meeting Minutes 04/3/2025

Where: AOH Peabody

Start: 7:00 – End: 7:25pm

Attendance: 4 officers, 10 members, 1 guest (Rick Otte)

Dive: Daryl, Brett, and Asher dove at Old Garden Beach. There was some discussion about going to Cathedral Rocks, but weather and shore support setting up for the Club Sponsored Dive made OGB a better location. Water temp 38F, 40 min dive. Brett and Asher went around point towards Rockport. Daryl had a real rebreather training event with CO2 build up, which required a successful period of 100% O2.

Old Business:

- VT planning in progress. In discussions with Annette on details.
- Skip continues to sell vintage dive gear.
 - Air Bubbles submissions are due to airbubbles@northshorefrogmen.com
- Bill Werner is planning a hike on 4/12 at Breakheart Reservation in Wakefield, MA, Bill will also plan the Ipswich River kayak event later this spring.
- 4/17 dinner night is planned for Tony C's at the North Shore Mall @ 6:30pm
- 4/27 Easter Egg Dive and Party. Dive at Stage Fort Park and party at Dodie's. Brenda offered to cook and lay the eggs this year.
- 5/4 – Star Wars Movie Night at Brett's house planned. Pot Luck dinner.

New Business:

- AOH is happy we are attending weekly. Club provided requested recommendations for AOH to cook for us weekly.
- Skip mentioned that tariffs will be affecting dive gear prices. Some dive shops are holding prices until May.

General Discussion:

- Ray mentioned that the Bay State Council meeting on 5/28 will be held at the AOH at 7pm. Froggies are invited to attend.

Raffles:

- \$ Box: Henry Milward (not present)

NSF Meeting Minutes 04/10/2025

Where: AOH Peabody

Start: 7:10 – End: 7:25pm

Attendance: 3 officers, 5 members

Dive: No diving this week.

Old Business:

- VT planning in progress. In discussions with Annette on details.

- 4/12 at Breakheart Reservation in Wakefield, MA. Weather report is for cold and rainy so we will most likely cancel.
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New Business:

- Skip met a person who has relatives who lives near Lob Lolly Cove who could let us park on their property for a dive at the site. Skip will coordinate the event if there is interest.
- Vinny met the nephew of one of the divers to passed away in a diving accident in Rockport in 2024. He may want to present to the club about the incident.
- May 8th Trivia Night is planned

Raffles:

- \$ Box: Rich Kinkade (not present)

NSF Meeting Minutes 04/24/2025

Where: AOH Peabody

Start: 7:00pm – 7:45pm

Attendance: 2 officers, 12 members, 3 guests (Ron Blaise and prospective new members Rick, and Mike)

- Brenda filling in for Treasurer Mary

Membership: Potential new members Rick Nelson and Mike Lee. Gave bios of themselves.

Dive:

- Sunday dive included Kory, Brenda, Skip, Jason, Jeff, Adam, & Fin (support) at back beach. Kory, saw many macro things and nudibranch. Vis 20', 1hr dive time, and temp 43°F. Jeff saw shrimp. Adam saw a flabolina nudibranch. Brenda saw a flounder that moved quickly and was startling. She saw many nudibranchs too. Skip went around the rocks to the left and saw flounder, and another "*dinky sized fish with a huge head*" (sorry that is what he said). Great dive by all.
- Dawn went to stingray city (Grand Caman) on a catamaran. Stingrays showed up and swam all around her. The average width was 3'-4' and skin was soft like leather. Excellent experience.

Old Business:

- VT planning in progress. In discussions with Annette on details.
- 4/27 Easter Egg Dive, Beach Cleanup, and Party. Dive/Cleanup at Stage Fort Park and party at Dodie's. Brenda cooking /laying eggs this year. Skip picked up prizes. 10am in the water dive.
- 5/4 – Star Wars Movie Night at Brett's house planned. Potluck dinner.
- AOH is happy we are attending weekly. Dinner to be served starting May 8th. Club members will be able to RSVP.
- May 8th Trivia Night will need to be rescheduled.

New Business:

- Discussion about making Easter Egg Dive open to other clubs in 2026. The club discussed making it a fundraiser for the NSF.

General Discussion

- Adam said there was a fatal shark attack in the Mediterranean Sea. Details TBD.

Raffles:

- \$ Box: Ginny Cookson (not present)
- Mystery Prize – Mike Denneker (winner winner chicken dinner)

NSF Meeting Minutes 5/1/2025

Where: AOH Peabody

Start: 7:02pm – 7:45pm

Attendance: 3 officers, 9 members, 1 guest

- Brenda filling in for Secretary Mary

Dive:

- Easter Egg Dive. 36 eggs laid by Brenda but not a single egg was found. 8 divers participated in this annual event which combined a spring check out dive and a fun hunt. However, Jeff West found a very nice baseball and since it was white and round, we named him the winner. Two new prospective members (Bryce and Rick) joined the dive.
 - Post-dive party was at Dodie's house with terrific BBQ and potluck items.
- Jason McCarthy dove in Tulum Mexico on a cave diving adventure. Dove connecting cenotes. Max 140' depth and very clear water. Got his cavern, intercave, full cave, and technical cave certifications over eight days.
- Susan went to two dive shows (Beneath the Sea and Explorer's Club)
- Susan will be going to the Arctic in June.
- Brett dove in Florida. Mostly snorkeling but did a boat dive. Several people had technical issues and had to surface but they did follow proper procedures. Brett saw a barracuda.

Membership:

- Club voted in two new members – **CONGRATULATIONS**
 - Rick Nelson
 - Bryce Denney

Old Business:

- 5/4 – Star Wars Movie Night at Brett's house @ 4:30pm. Potluck dinner.
 - Sunday morning dive is still happening.
- 5/8 - Trivia Night will need to be rescheduled.
- VT planning in progress. In discussions with Annette on details.

New Business:

- 5/8 – Ellen presentation on her trip to Africa.
- 5/8 – AOH will start making dinner for the club.
 - Lasagna on 5/8 @ \$10. Need people to vote each week and commit to it.
- 5/14 – Night dive is planned. 1hr before sunset. Location to be determined.
- 5/15 – Dinner Night Out postponed
- 5/17 – Ipswich River Kayak Trip. 9am meet at Foote Bros. 10am in water.
- 5/25 - Changing time of Sunday dive meet up to 8am.

- 5/31 – Nubble Light Dive. Meet in parking lot at 8am.
- Skip is celebrating his 50th year of certification this month

Raffles:

- \$ Box: Susan Copelas – present (winner winner chicken dinner)

NSF Meeting Minutes 5/8/2025

Where: AOH Peabody

Start: 7:10 pm – 7:47pm

Attendance: 2 officers, 15 members, 1 guest (Ron Blaise)

- Mary filling in for Secretary Vin

Dive:

- Who has been diving? Kory went diving. Star Wars day – saw a bunch of little things, unnamed. Two dives at OGB. Brenda, Charlene, Brett. 46 degrees, viz 5-10 ft. Adam did the circle, got a few pictures, salmon gilled and bushy-back nudis, 35 min only fish was sculpin. Fin with his scooter, viz good enough to use scooter, got dark off the sand, saw Adam. Over to the harbor and back, saw nudibranchs. No lobsters yet, but crabs. Lowish tide. Didn't rain until leaving. Brenda, new dive computer to play with. Saw a lot of little things too, a crab worm? 6".
- Susan went to Smithsonian in DC to the Ocean Exhibit. Photos of deep, deep stuff. Jar of Krill and feeding whales. Krill are leaving because their algal food is leaving. It's worth it to see the exhibit.

Membership:

- Club voted in one new member: Michael Lee. He supplied lots of C-cards, no pmt. He was dry suit certified by Bobby Boyle, and AEN certified by Maria Maggio (longtime Froggy member). He was voted in provisionally pending pmt. (since rec'd)
- Provisional approval for Richard Nelson, voted in last week, but no C-cards with application. (since rec'd)

Old Business:

- Pay for tonight's food.
- May the 4th be with you! Potluck and movie at Brett's house. Good time, fun to see the movie again.
- 5/11 – Mother's Day Sunday.
- 5/14 - Wednesday night dive
- 5/17 - Kayak/canoe trip on Ipswich River. Reserve your own boat, transport.
- 5/26 - Memorial Day
- 5/31 – Nubble Light Dive.
- Planning meeting in early June (6/21 was tentatively scheduled.)
- **New Business:** 5/31 -
- 5/8 – Brett brought up the returned boat dive raffle ticket. Adam suggested that BRETT get to use the gift card, seconded and unanimously
- Ellen presentation on her trip to Africa. Presentation tonight.

Raffles:

- \$ Box: Fin – present

NSF Meeting Minutes 5/15/2025

Where: AOH Peabody

Start: 7:03 pm – 7:37pm

Attendance: 2 officers, 10 other members, 1 guest (Brian)

- Mary filling in for Secretary Vinny

Dive:

- Who has been diving?
 - Susan – The Explorers' Club sponsored Rob McCollough, discussion about his expedition to go to the 5 deepest parts of the Ocean. They were doing something no one has ever done before, had just over 1000 mistakes, and how to be sure those problems don't happen again. Everyone lived and went on to the next expedition. DEI is what made the expedition special.
 - Adam: 4 people met a BK where the weather looked to be just fine. OGB entry was much easier than the week before. Viz was terrible. Good stuff was out at ~28 ft, nudibranchs, lump fish, swam around the rocks past the sand. Brett saw 1 lobster, Bryce saw 3. They went deeper than Adam. Seaweed for the first 40 ft, once past seaweed much better. Pretty cool dive. Bryce, Rebecca, Adam, Brett.
 - Fin went to Northshore Music Theater to see The Shark is Broken. Based on the drinking journal of actor who played Quint in the movie.

Old Business:

- 5/14 - Wednesday night dive. No one went.
- Kayak – postponed to 6/7 (rain date)
- 5/28 – Bay State Council meeting
- 5/28 – night dive. Meet about 7. MOVE due to BSC meeting same night.
- 5/31 - Nubble Light dive, York ME. Meet there at 8AM.
- 6/12 – OGB beach meeting

New Business:

- Next week's dinner will be meatball subs!
- We might do something for bartender Dawn when she's out for surgery.
- Midyear planning meeting will be held on Saturday 6/21.

Other news:

Susan brought in a tank carrier for 6 tanks. Will be raffled next week.

KS Dives will be doing dive charters again. Supposedly starting on 6/16, weekdays only ??

Susan had a cancellation on a trip in October for Blue Whale migration. 1 person. 27 people currently signed up. Still has 4 spots on Red Sea trip next May.

Raffles:

- \$ Box: Bill Gannett – not present

NSF Meeting Minutes 5/22/2025

Where: AOH Peabody

Start: 7:02 pm – 7:52 pm

Attendance: 4 officers, 12 other members, 1 guest

Dive Talk:

- Rick N, Brett H, Adam H, and Fin, dove Folly Cove on Sunday NSF dive. Left side, 25' vis, and around 56F. Torpedo ray, horseshoe crabs, lobsters, and crabs seen. Rick properly figured out his dry suit weighting. Fin had an adventure with a sea sculpin which swam into his face.
- Brenda F dove Folly Cove on Saturday. She fed a sea urchin to an anemone and saw a huge female lobster with eggs.
- Mike Lee taught an open water course and had some funny stories.

Old Business:

- Sunday dive meeting is moved 1hr earlier now at 8am.
- We might do something for bartender Dawn when she's out for surgery.
- Next week Chicken Parm sub planned at AOH
- 5/28 – Bay State Council meeting at AOH. Ray gave a briefing on the Bay State Council, reason for the meeting, and the format of the upcoming meeting.
- 5/28 – Night dive is POSTPONED to not conflict with BSC meeting
- 5/31 - Nubble Light Dive, York, ME. Meet at 8AM to secure parking
- 6/7 – Kayak Trip on Ipswich River
- 6/12 – OGB beach meeting at 6pm
- 6/21 - Midyear planning meeting at Brett's house at 10am
- 6/22 – Club supported skills dive

New Business:

- Brenda donated an Al 80 tank to the club for auctioning off. Tank is in good condition and eligible for hydro and Vip.
- Vinny has contacted Annette regarding the VT Dive/Kayak Week and she is ready for us to arrive.
- Skip continues to sell the vintage equipment on-line and provided Mary with another check.
- Mary renewed our club PO Box dues
- Dec 13 Banquet discussion – AOH club is an option. Vange and Dawn are working with them on details.

Raffles:

- \$ Box: – Linda D'Urso (not present)
- Mystery Prize – John Sears

NSF Meeting Minutes 6/5/2025

Where: AOH Peabody

Start: 7:02 pm – 7:52 pm

Attendance: 4 officers, 11 other members, 1 guest

Dive Talk:

- NSF Club Nubble Light Dive on Saturday – Brett, Brenda, Fin, Jeff, and Charlene (and Mary as an observer). Weather was bad but water was clear. Some lobsters and flounder seen.
- Kory dove on Sunday club dive with Brenda and Jeff at back beach. Brett went with Rebecca and Santana. Saw a weird layer of “fog” under water. Saw sea ravens, lobsters, and flounders.
- Kory dove on Thursday (today) at Isle of Shoals on a seal dive with Portsmouth Scuba. Seals were shy but posed for video/photos. 15'-20' vis.

Old Business:

- 6/7 – Kayak Trip on Ipswich River. Depart Foote Bros by 9am.

- 6/12 – OGB beach meeting at 6pm with night dive to follow.
- 6/21 – Mid-year planning meeting at Brett's house at 10am.
- 6/22 – Club supported skills dive hosted by Ray Porter. Location and skills TBD.
- 6/28 – Rappelling event at Crow Hill in Leominster State Park. Bill organizing it.
- 7/2 – Night Dive (details TBD).
- 7/11-7/19 – VT Trip.
- Tank that Brenda donated silent auction started tonight at \$10. Skip managing the auction. Tank will be raffled off on 6/26. Club guarantees it will pass hydro or money back.
- Skip gave a summary of the vintage scuba gear being sold.

New Business:

- No dinner next week ... NSF Club Beach Meeting
- Charlie Wood expressed interest in joining. He will bring an application soon.

Raffles:

- \$ Box: – Richard Otte (not present)

NSF Meeting Minutes 6/12/2025

- **Where:** Old Garden Beach
- **Start:** 6pm – 9PM
- Beach meeting at Old Garden Beach. Social and diving event only so no business was discussed and no meeting minutes were taken.

NSF Meeting Minutes 6/19/2025

Where: AOH Peabody

Start: 6:58 pm – 7:52 pm

Attendance: 4 officers, 8 other members

Dive Talk:

- NSF Club Sunday Dive – Rick and his son, Vinny, and Bill dove at OGB. Max depth 52', fair visibility, and 67min dive. Lots of Sand Lancers, schools of young stripers, sea clams, and small lobsters. Three keepers were brought up and several eggars were left to live another day. Cloudy and cool day and many divers from other clubs.
- Jeff West dove Sunday with Dan West at OGB. Lobster caught and made lobster mac and cheese. Lots of sand lancers.
- Jeff and Dan dove on Thursday and there were many other divers at OGB. More lobsters caught and several over the limit were looked at and left. Adam also dove at OGB to test a new BCD. Huge Lion's Mane jelly seen with huge tentacles, nudies, rock gunnels, and sand lancers seen. Great visibility and ~50F.
- Adam went to Turks and Cacaos and did 24 dives on the Aggressor. Sharks seen on every dive (Caribbean Reef sharks). 78F-80F with 80' vis. 5 night dives - cool nudies, octopus, and shrimp.
- Brett dove on night dive with Charlene, Fin, Brenda, Bryce, and Rick at last week's OGB beach meeting. Lots of lobster and crabs, a sea raven, and flounder. Brett also dove on Thursday morning at OGB with lots of divers from Metro West.

Old Business:

- 6/21 – Mid-year planning meeting at Brett's house at 10am.
- 6/22 – Club supported buoyancy skills dive hosted by Ray Porter.
- 6/28 – Rappelling event at Crow Hill in Leominster State Park. Bill organizing it.

- 7/2 – Night Dive (details TBD).
- 7/11-7/19 – VT Trip. Attendee list was created and sent to Annette.
- Silent auction for the tank that Brenda donated is up to \$30.
- Jeff West made NSF branded Hawaiian shirts which look great and are comfortable.

New Business:

- New application (with payment) for **Terry Barnaby** from W. Newbury.
 - **CLUB VOTED** unanimously to admit Terry to the club.
- Jeff will place another order for NSF branded shirts soon.
- Bay State Council will be meeting on July 30th on the South Shore for the next meeting.

General Discussion:

- Vinny saw past members John and Linda Lincoln. They are interested in showing up to see old Froggie friends and tell NSF tales.

Raffles:

- \$ Box: – Drew Boles (not present)
- Mystery Prize – Jeff West (present)

NSF Meeting Minutes 6/26/2025

Where: AOH Peabody

Start: 7:10 pm – 7:52 pm

Attendance: 4 officers, 12 members, 1 guest (Colin Doherty)

Dive Talk:

- Ray did his first dive of the year. Led the buoyancy skills training for the club. Nine (9) other NSF members and new member (Colin D) joined the event. Viz 15', schools of sand lancers, crabs, and clams seen.
 - Colin D joined the club dive, wet suit, 52 min, 50 min. Crabs, stripper, moon snails, and sand lancers.
 - Brenda dove with Dylan with at the club dive on Sunday. Brenda was happy with her navigation skills.
- Gear Issues: Brett dove with his son Jayce at OGB who had issues with BCD inflator (free flow). Met up with Tina, who had lost a weight belt. Fin was overweight and could not rise.

Old Business:

- 6/21 - Planning meeting held at Brett's house Saturday. Too much food was provided (Brett is not learning from past experiences). Good next several months planned.
- 6/28 – Rappelling event at Crow Hill in Leominster State Park. Bill organizing it.
- 7/3 – Meeting at AOH may be minimal attendance. No dinner planned.
- 7/11-7/19 – VT Trip. Attendee list was created and sent to Annette. Tank fill options are available in Sunapee or Annette has several tanks to borrow.
- Silent auction for the tank that Brenda donated is up to \$50.

New Business:

- 7/27 – Next club skill dive (navigation)
- 8/7 – Beach Meeting planned
- 8/16 – Boat dive planned with Boston Scuba. Price ~\$110/ea.
- 9/28 - NSF Club Picnic planned for 9/21 cannot be booked for our normal site so it has been moved a week later.
- 10/18 – Sky Diving planned. Need to take a poll and make reservations.

- No dinner at AOH for the next 8 weeks.
- **CLUB VOTE** - Colin Doherty applied for and was voted-in unanimously.

General Discussion:

- Brenda acknowledged Mary and Ray for hosting the skills dive.
- Jeff to plan another Hawaiian NSF shirt purchase.

Raffles:

- \$ Box – Mary Howard (is present)
- Mystery Prize – Jeff West
- Tank Raffle – Vinny won the tank
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NSF Meeting Minutes 7/10/2025

Where: AOH Peabody

Start: 7:10 pm – 7:52 pm

Attendance: 3 officers, 10 members, 1 guest (Karen Ricciuti)

Dive Talk:

- Brenda dove this past few weeks. Isle of Shoals boat dive with seals. Also did a boat dive to Boo Hoo and Norman's Woe. Lots of sea life including lion's mane jelly. Temp in 50'sF.
- Jeff dove on the Wed night dive with Adam and Brett at Folly Cove. Also saw lion's mane jelly. Adam saw a big cod and lots of juvenile cod. Strong current and compass issues made navigating difficult.
- Jeff and Dan used the Sea Rovers raffle they won to dive with Boston Scuba. Went to Calf Island with a total of 6 divers.
- Adam, Rick, Bill, Asher dove on Sunday club dive at Folly Cove. Lots of nudies.

Old Business:

- 7/11-7/19 – VT Trip Cancelled
- 7/27 – Next club skill dive (navigation) – most likely OGB
- 7/30 – BSC meeting at Quincy Yacht Club
- 8/7 – Beach meeting planned
- 8/16 – Boat dive planned with Boston Scuba. Price ~\$110/ea.
- 9/28 - NSF Club Picnic planned for 9/21 cannot be booked for our normal site so it has been moved a week later
- 10/18 – Sky Diving planned. Need to take a poll and make reservations.
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New Business:

- **MEMBERSHIP CLUB VOTE** – Karen Reccuiti and Patricia & Evgeny Tseplaev voted in unanimously as new members
- Jeff recommended an above water orienteering meeting for the future
- Skip sold more vintage dive gear and presented check to the treasurer

General Discussion:

- Jeff to plan another Hawaiian NSF shirt purchase
- Ray talked about Bay State Council upcoming meeting in Quincy
- Adam's friend caught a 15' great white in 4' of water
- Dawn recommended not specifying social meetings and make them all normal meetings

- Dawn recommended planning additional activities since VT trip is cancelled

Raffles:

- \$ Box – Deb Fraize (not present)
- Mystery Prize – Mike Denneker

NSF Meeting Minutes 7/17/2025

Where: AOH Peabody

Start: 7:02 pm – 8:03 pm

Attendance: 3 officers, 9 (other) members, 1 “guest” former member Chuck Woods.

Dive Talk:

- Kory @ OGB today with someone he met on Facebook; it was his 2nd non-tropical. Lobster hunt dive. R side, stayed shallow, max 30ft. Only found short lobsters.
- Jeff and Dan @ OGB Monday, 10-15ft, better viz shallow. 1 lobster.
- Club dive @ Folly, Sunday, Adam, Rebecca, Brett, Terry and guy from NH. Adam dove w Rebecca, saw large cerianthid, sand lances. Rebecca was using Ron’s camera. Slow, both taking photos. Hazy in shallows. Practice with compass. Big temp difference with thermoclines, 64°F surface-50°F at depth.
- Brett also on Club dive on Sunday, his dive w/ Terry and Jay (NH). Did 2nd dive on first tank. 1 good lobster.
- Brett Saturday on vaca w/family @ Sebago Lake. With a mission, to try out a used drysuit. No leaks in the pool. Went to the pond, good dive, no problems. Mostly only used BCD for buoyancy. Younger brother did fine. Taught nieces (5 & 7 yrs old) to snorkel.
- Chuck was in Florida and went swimming in the ocean. It’s good to see him back at meeting!

Old Business:

- 7/27 – Next club skill dive (navigation) – Ray will try to get 3 points in water, with instructions on compass headings. Would like a helper to give info on beach. Where? Back Beach, OGB?
- 7/30 – Bay State Council meeting at Quincy Yacht Club and on Zoom 7:30PM. Agenda: Mission Statement; Roles and public served; BSC Treasure Hunt; Annual Meeting.
- 8/7 – Beach meeting planned
- 8/16 – Boat dive planned with Boston Scuba. Price ~\$110/ea. Full? NOT Club sponsored.
- 8/21 – Dinner night out.
- 8/23 – Fort Wetherill, day dive and night dive.
- 8/28 – Discuss picnic at business meeting.
- 9/28 - NSF Club Picnic planned for 9/28, with BSC. How do we coordinate food/cooking.
- 10/18 – Sky Diving planned. Need to take a poll and make reservations. Through Sky Dive NE, call and make your own reservation. More info next week.
- 12/13 – President’s banquet to be at AOH. (Kory, Dawn & Vange will coordinate)

New Business:

- **MEMBERSHIP CLUB VOTE – Charles (Chuck) Wood**, former member, application rec’d, unanimously approved as member again.
- Keep an eye out for Mr. Silva in Rockport, Silva Fox. Maybe BSC should get involved?? (Adam)
- Issues at Lanes Cove. Nothing new at Lanes Cove yet this year.
- Elections, Photo Contest and Banquet coming up in November/December.

General Discussion:

- John Sears trying to get a fishing group together from the Club if anyone is interested. Approx \$50/person – tentative 8/23, but might be pushed off.
- Brian Skerry saw a great white in ME. One also seen in Woods Hole. Sharktivity app is showing a dead seal.
- Article in the Globe by Billy Baker, about 3 divers dying at Front Beach.

Raffles:

- \$ Box – Bryce Denney (not present)
- Mystery Prize – Peter Cassidy

NSF Meeting Minutes 7/24/2025

Where: AOH Peabody

Start: 6:55 pm – 8:03 pm

Attendance: 4 officers, 13 members

Dive Talk:

- Dylan had first dive and got two lobsters. Lanes cove conditions were perfect. High tide, vis was fair, and temp was nice.
- Charlene dove Lady in the Lake at Winnepesaukee. First time diving during the day.
- Charlene dove during the fish count. She recorded over 100 crabs. She won a drysuit class for Aquatic Specialties.
- Brenda dove at the fish count with Tina. She then dove at Nubble Light and also did the club dive at Lanes Cove with Dylan.
- Adam did a night dive with Kory at Back Beach. Lots of sand lancers.
- Brett and Kory went to Lanes Cove. Two non-club members joined the dive and is interested in joining the club.

Old Business:

- 7/27 – Next club dive is a navigation skill dive hosted by Ray. Location.
 - Ray gave a surface demonstration of the upcoming navigation event.
- 7/30 – Bay State Council meeting at Quincy Yacht Club and on Zoom at 7:30PM.
 - Ray gave the agenda for the meeting.
- 8/7 – Beach meeting planned
- 8/16 – Boat dive planned with Boston Scuba. Price ~\$110/ea. NOT Club sponsored. One space is still available.
- 8/21 – Dinner night out. Location TBD.
- 8/28 – Discuss picnic at business meeting.
- 8/30 – Fort Wetherill, day dive and night dive. Date moved from 8/23.
- 9/28 - NSF Club Picnic planned with BSC. How do we coordinate food/cooking?
- 10/18 – Sky Diving planned. NOT Club sponsored.
- 12/13 – President's banquet to be at AOH. Kory, Dawn & Vange will coordinate.

New Business:

- VT trip was cancelled but we may do a long weekend dive at Annette's this fall.

General Discussion:

- Vinny had the tank he successfully hydro'd and sold it to a fellow club member.
- Article in the Globe by Billy Baker, about 3 divers dying at Front Beach.
- Club cards are available to hand out to people. Ask Brett if you need some.

Raffles:

- \$ Box – Peter Easler (not present)

NSF Meeting Minutes 7/31/2025

Where: AOH Peabody

Start: 7:05 pm – 8:30 pm

Attendance: 4 officers, 9 members

Dive Talk:

- Vinny dove on a friend's boat at Neverfail Ledge off the coast of Manchester Singing Beach. Dive was 1hr, 46', good vis, lots of sea urchins, and a blue/green lumpfish. Perfect surface conditions.
- Ray led a navigation course at OGB. Ray saw lots of fish setting up the course. 54F water, 15' vis, 39min.
- Brenda, Kory, and Adam did a night dive at Back Beach on Tuesday. 59min, 20'. Great time with lots of sea life including sculpin, squid, baby lobsters. Best night dive Brenda has been on.
- Kory did a dive the next day with a full face mask and wet suit. He dove at Island of Shoales with 100 seals on Thursday.
- Jon Mulsman snorkeled at Lake Waukegan looking for invasive snails. He got 96 snails.
- Adam went Saturday at OGB focusing on nudis. He shared a good photo with the meeting attendees.
- Brett went on the Sunday dive. He had a leak in his drysuit and we talked about drysuit practical skills.

Old Business:

- 8/7 – Beach meeting planned for OGB @ 7pm. BYOF/BYOB.
- 8/16 – Boat dive with Boston Scuba.
- 8/21 – Dinner night out. Location TBD.
- 8/30 – Fort Wetherill, day dive and night dive. Date moved from 8/23.
- 9/28 - NSF Club Picnic planned with BSC. How do we coordinate food/cooking?
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New Business:

- Brett is working on Q2 Air Bubbles.
- Bay State Council meeting held on 7/30. Ray gave a summary of the meeting.

General Discussion:

- Club cards were replenished at Undersea Divers
- Club cards are available to hand out to people. Ask Brett if you need some.
- Aqua Lung recently bought out by Head. Head has purchased a lot of companies in the past with no more service. We should be aware of this if you own Aqua Lung items.

Raffles:

- \$ Box – Tom Murphy (not present)
- Mystery Prize – Kory D

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