

Air Bubbles



The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

August & September 2025

President's Message

By: Brett Harrison

Just like that, the leaves are turning, the days are getting shorter, and the water is getting clearer. A lot of the froggies are getting their last dives in before it gets too cold, and then there are the hardy few who say "I am diving" when it is cold. I tip my hat to the cold-water amphibians and hope to see the rest of you at our other outdoor activities as fall marches on.

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

Divers and Members of the Month

By: Brett Harrison

AUGUST

- Diver – Terry Barnaby: As a newer member, Terry was the only other Froggie to come on the night dive after the beach meeting and actually attempted to swim to England with our President.
- Member – Jeff West: Jeff hosted a post dive "Garbage Plate" lunch at his house, attended the boat dive at Boston Scuba, and was in the water with the club the most in August.

SEPTEMBER

- Diver – Ron Imperiali: Ron just recently became a scuba diver, completed his certification dives, and came out with the club. Great to dive with you Ron!!
- Member – Dawn Denneler: Not only is Dawn on the President's Banquet planning group, she is also helping the president keep track of important dates and made it out to the Boundless Adventure ropes course. Some might contest the outdoor activities as Dawn did not make it to Sky diving, but that is for the next Air Bubbles.

Welcome New Members!

Richard Nelson
Bryce Denney
Michael Lee
Terry Barnaby
Colin Doherty
Karen Ricciuti
Patricia Tseplaev
Gene Tseplaev
Charles Wood
Keith Anderson
Carys Anderson
Jackie Dean
Kristin Dean
Duncan Kuhn
Symeon Manias
Matt Price
Dan Mello
Ryan McNamare
Tyler Daigle

Froggie Meeting Location*

Thursday Nights

AOH - *Ancient Order of Hibernians*
58 Lowell Street, Peabody

6:00PM – Social/Dinner Time
(BYOD - Bring Your Own Dinner)
7:00PM – Meeting

*On occasion meetings are held off-site

Froggies Have Been Busy...

8/3/25 – Sunday Dive, Folly Cove, Gloucester

Divers were Mary, Noah, Skip, Kory, Brenda, and Brett. Mary stayed shallow. Special guest Matt joined us for the dive, and lost a weight pouch on the way in.



8/7/25 – Thursday Beach Meeting – Old Garden Beach, Rockport

We had a great turnout for the beach meeting. Mary and Ray served hot dogs. Some, including Terry, dove before the meeting, and Terry went back in for the night dive with Brett. Some people stay close to the shore on night dives, and as the shore support followed the buoy, some wondered if they were heading out to England! The dive lasted over an hour and ended with a surface swim in!

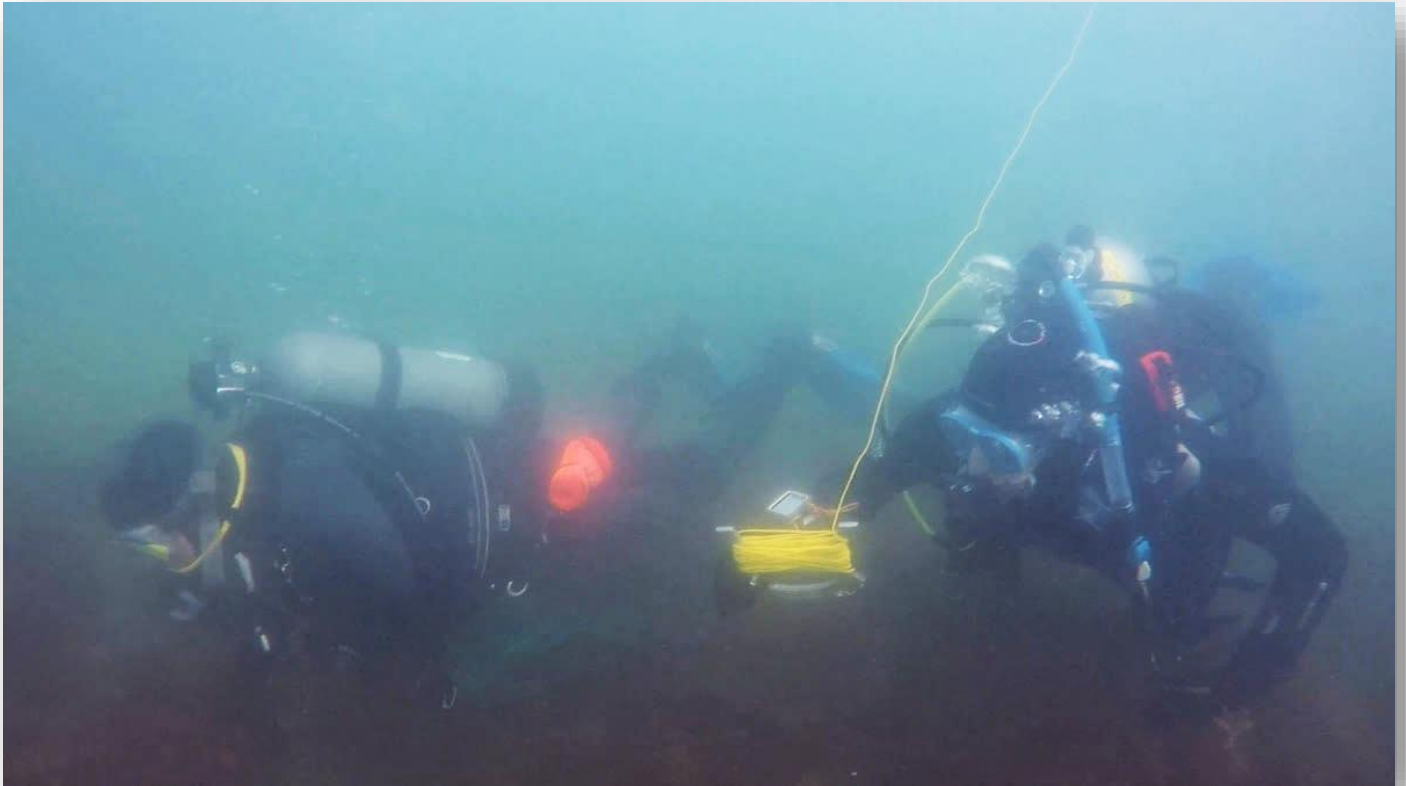






8/10/25 - Sunday Dive - Pebble Beach, Rockport

Mary stayed shallow, prepping for a later lake dive. Jeff, Bryce, and Brett went out and saw some big lobsters that were unfortunately too big, with lots of eggs, but it was still a great dive!



8/16/25 – Boat Dive with Boston Scuba

Jeff West, Dan West, Drew Boles, and Brett set out for a morning wreck dive with Boston Scuba. The night before, as Brett was packing up his lobster gear, he thought “it would only get caught up in the wreck.” When, the boat anchored that morning, the first mate asked “*anyone lobstering?*” and Brett face-palmed. The first site was a large pinnacle which went down to 75’. The lobsters were everywhere; some even came out to taunt us. It was a great dive and a good lesson to always come prepared. Before the second site the first mate called out: “*follow the anchor line down, and down you will be at the wreck.*” We followed the line down and found small rocks. We swam for a bit in poor visibility when a 3’ shelf appeared, and we all realized at that moment that only 3’ was visible, the rest was buried. We swam back and forth around the wreck losing each other in the poor visibility and finding each other again.



8/17/25 – Sunday Dive - Folly Cove, Gloucester

The divers were Adam, Rebecca, Fin, and Brett. We also had a guest visitor who dove with Brett. Visibility was limited, but we still had a good dive. We got separated after the point but connected on the way back!



8/21/25 Thursday Dinner Out at Topsy Cowboy in Salem



8/24/25 – Sunday Dive – Old Garden Beach, Rockport

Even in the summer, sometimes the weather still says “*probably not today!*” Hurricane Erin did just that, creating waves and currents that made diving in the ocean a bad idea.

8/28/25 - Thursday Meeting at AOH

We had some very special guests grace us with their presence at this meeting; including several former Froggie officers: *Tom Murphy, Fred & Joyce Pfeil, Nancy Gannett, Dodie, Sis Despres, Tom Murphy, Ron & Leslie Brennan*



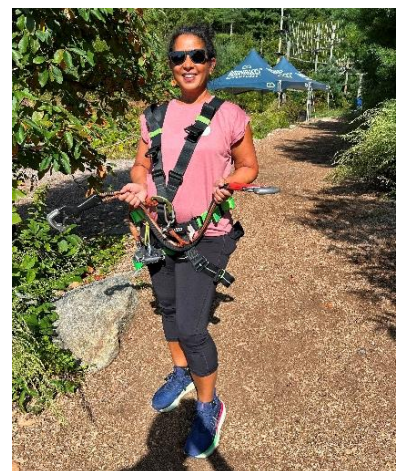
8/31/25 – Sunday Dive – Folly Cove, Gloucester
Skip, Brenda, Brett, Jeff, Terry, Rebecca, and Tina were all present for the dive. While getting ready, Brenda started a new trend of lifting a random object, in this case, a rock. Not to be out done, Brett picked up a bigger rock, and when it was Skip's turn, he decided to hold up something way cooler! We were going to go out in the standard direction, but a fishing boat right off the rock ledge on the right-hand side changed our direction to the left side. Visibility was about 7 feet, there were plenty of lobsters, most too small, and of course flounder of all sizes. After the dive, Jeff had a standing invite for everyone who wanted to come over for “garbage plates.” Brett stopped by and was treated to a wonderful plate, which definitely was not garbage -thanks Jeff for the wonderful food and conversation!

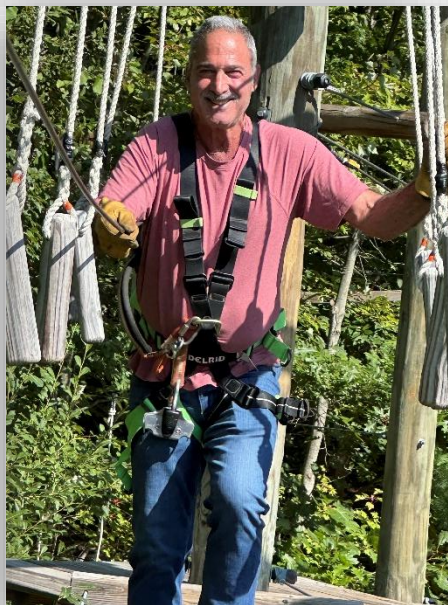
9/3/25 – Wednesday Night Dive – Back Beach, Rockport

It was a beautiful night for a dive. The sky was clear, the moon was full, and the weather was warm. Brenda, Jeff, and Brett went to Back Beach for the dive, and although the sky was clear, the water was not. It started out with 6' visibility and quickly moved to just over a foot and we shortly surfaced turned the dive going back on the surface. We did get a chance to see a 6' anchor during the dive, but not much else.

9/13/25 – Boundless Adventure, Berlin (MA)

Beautiful day for fun on the ropes course! Well done Bill, Brett, Dawn, Jim, Mary, Peter, Peter's son, and Vange!







9/14/25 – Sunday Dive – Old Garden Beach, Rockport

Divers were Brett, Fin, Adam, Colin, Brenda, Rebecca Imperiali, and Rob Imperiali. It was Ron's first dive with the club and Old Garden Beach was a great choice!

Rebecca, Ron, Brett, and Colin partnered up for Ron's first club dive while Brenda and Adam concentrated on honing their photography skills. As always, Fin went solo hoping to see sharks, while Brett was hoping to not see sharks!!



Nudibranch taken by Adam



What Brett found in his bucket while cleaning up after his dive.

Following Photos Taken by Brenda



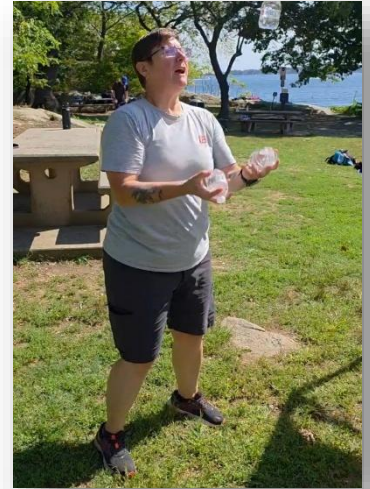
9/18/25 – Movie Night at Brett's - My Octopus Teacher

Thank you, Brett, for gilling us hotdogs and hamburgers for dinner and for providing such a great venue to watch a great outdoor movie on a cool summer night – even better than the drive in!



9/28/25 – Annual Picnic – Stage Fort Park, Gloucester

On a beautiful, early fall day, Froggies joined Metro West and the Bay State Council for the annual treasure hunt and picnic.



"Passed by this memory on the way to Topsy Cowboy and had to pull over and take a picture" -Brett



Air Bubbles

*If you would like to make a submission
to Air Bubbles, please email it to:*

Airbubbles@northshorefrogmen.com

Meeting Minutes

By: Vinny Egizi, Secretary

NSF MEETING MINUTES 8/14/2025

Where: AOH Peabody

Start: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Attendance: 4 officers, 9 members

Dive Talk:

- Mary dove two weeks in a row. Folly Cove, 6', 10min (yes considered a dive), but did not do a safety stop. Pebble Beach, 16', 22min, and saw a pipe fish (her dive plan was 15' for she failed to properly plan). She wore a new wet suit and was cozy. Next week she plans on diving in VT in Lake Champlain (60' dive planned). Brett joined the dive too.
- Jeff, Brett, and Bryce dove at Pebble Beach. Lots of oversized egger lobsters.
- Jeff and Dan dove at OGB on Monday. Surface conditions were extremely hot. Lots of sand lancers in the water. Got 3 lobsters including a 3lb.
- Adam did OGB past two Sundays. Lots of nudis and two pipe fish. He took an excellent video of a moon snail attacking a sea clam. The clam fought back got free.
- Skip, Cory, Brenda, Brett, and Matt dove Folly Cove. 60min, 50'.
- Daryl did the night dive at last week's Beach Meeting and stayed shallow. The waves were aggressive. Brett and Terry also joined the night dive and saw lots of lobsters.
- Kory dove Thursday morning at Isle of Shoals. Poor water surface conditions.

Old Business:

Events

- 8/16 – Boat dive with Boston Scuba.
- 8/21 – Dinner night out. Location Topsy Cowboy at 7pm.
- 8/30 – Fort Wetherill, day dive and night dive. Date moved from 8/23.
- 9/13 – Ropes Course (9/27 rain date).
- 9/18 – Movie Night at Brett's house at 7pm.
- 9/28 - NSF Club Picnic planned with BSC. How do we coordinate food/cooking?
- 10/4 – Crescent Lake dive.
- 10/18 – Sky Diving planned. NOT Club sponsored.
- 12/13 – President's banquet to be at AOH. Kory, Dawn, & Vange will coordinate.

Brett is working on Q2 Air Bubbles.

Club cards are available to hand out to people. Ask Brett if you need some.

New Business:

Jeff is doing another round of NSF Hawaiian shirt orders. Let him know if you are interested.

Dawn is investigating caterers for the banquet

Membership:

Jackie Dean and Kristin Dean voted unanimously as new members.

General Discussion:

Skip continues to sell the vintage dive equipment to raise funds for the club.

Kory discussed Operation Blue Pride organization for veterans.

Raffles:

\$ Box – Jason McCarthy (not present)

Mystery Prize – Mike Denneler

NSF MEETING MINUTES 8/28/2025

Where: AOH Peabody

Start: 7:00 pm – 8:05 pm

Attendance: 3 officers, 17 other members, 4 guests (including older life members and spouses, see below)

Dive Talk:

- 8/17-Mary and Ray, dove with Waterfront Divers, Lake Champlain, VT. Perfect weather EXCEPT for the when on boat. Blown off the first wreck, OJ Walker. Dove the horse ferry, and breakwater for the second dive.
- 8/18-Kory went to Hathaway Pond, Barnstable with Dive Heart for training for diving with paraplegics. All kinds of stuff to test your abilities. Really neat.
- Jeff and Dan 2 weeks (8/16) ago on Boston Scuba, Tewksbury Rock 60 ft'. Good time, viz was bad (5'?). With Brett and ?? on second dive, a nameless wreck 30ft. Viz even worse and kept losing buddies, got a little GoPro footage.
- Brenda, last weekend, Friday (8/15) night dive at Folly. Rescue diving cert Saturday (8/16), at Merry meeting Lake, fresh water, great viz. Great experience. Sunday (8/17) at Folly with Rebecca and Adam, 25ft, a little cold without a hood! Usual suspects to see. Rebecca, didn't charge her camera, couldn't get a picture of the cute little butterfly fish.
- Previously - Rebecca also dove, Azores, San Miguel. More to come!
- 8/16-Brett on Boston Scuba with Jeff & Dan. Visibility on the pinnacle was good. 2nd on the wreck. Not many fish. Lost everyone several times. Ghost trap w/ 2 lobsters.
- 8/17-Brett and guest at Folly Sunday. He had a problem with flashlight with LiON battery.

Old Business:

Events

- 8/30 – Fort Wetherill, day dive and night dive. Date moved from 8/23.
- 9/13 – Ropes Course (9/27 rain date).
- 9/18 – Movie Night at Brett's house at 7pm.
- 9/28 - NSF Club Picnic planned with BSC.
- 10/4 – Crescent Lake dive. Then to Poor People's Club.
- 10/8 – Night dive.
- 10/18 – Sky Diving planned. NOT Club sponsored.
- 10/26 – Pumpkin Carving.
- 11/1 – Halloween Party at Sears resident.
- 12/13 – President's banquet to be at AOH. Kory, Dawn, & Vange will coordinate.

Lots of old Froggy members were here, many LIFE Members: Tom Murphy, Fred & Joyce Pfeil, Nancy Gannett, Dodie, Sis Despres, Tom Murphy, Ron & Leslie Brennan.

New Business:

Brenda, wanted to bring up the point of 2 different chats. More discussion needed.

NSF officers had a Teams meeting with Joseph Lockhart, president of MWDC, to discuss picnic planning. Good meeting.

General Discussion:

Skip was reading board on antique scuba on a Jaques Cousteau & Emil Gagnon, found a prototype for their early regulator.

Raffles:

\$ Box – Brett Harrison (present)

Mystery Prize – Jeff West

NSF Meeting Minutes 9/04/2025

Where: AOH Peabody (downstairs)

Start: 7:00 pm – 7:29 pm

Attendance: 2 officers, 9 other members

Dive Talk:

- Rebecca – Folly Cove Sunday, viz 5ft. Hard to stay in group, Brenda, Tina, Terry. There were boats in Folly, so had to stay away from wall on L, so stayed R. Tina had an issue with her computer. Saw, lobster, fish. Good day to be in the water.

- Skip also dove Folly. w/ Brett and Jeff. Jeff & Skip went straight out to about 60 ft, came in too far R and it was like a washing machine. Saw baby lobster. Water temp nice, weather great, 62F on surface.

Old Business:

Events

- 8/30 – Fort Wetherill, rescheduled again. No date yet.
- 9/13 – Ropes Course (9/27 rain date). Boundless Adventures, Berlin, MA.
- 9/18 – Movie Night at Brett's house at 7pm.
- 9/28 - NSF Club Picnic planned with BSC. REMEMBER TO BRING NON-PERISHABLES.
- 10/4 – Crescent Lake dive and hike, bike. Then to Poor People's Club lunch.
- 10/8 – Night dive.
- 10/18 – Sky Diving planned. NOT Club sponsored.
- 10/26 – Pumpkin Carving.
- 11/1 – Halloween Party at Sears resident, costumes expected.
- 12/13 – President's banquet to be at AOH. Kory, Dawn, & Vange will coordinate.
- 12/18 – Pizza night

New Business:

Skip sold more stuff on E-Bay

General Discussion:

Kory is taking intro to tech diving course.

Raffles:

\$ Box – Greg Przybyl (Not present)

Mystery Prize – Mike D

NSF MEETING MINUTES 9/11/2025

Where: AOH Peabody

Start: 7:05 pm – 8:30 pm

Attendance: 4 officers, 13 members

Dive Talk:

- Kory did the boat dive at the Chester Poling wreck site. Vis was fair and then at Half Way Rock. He is training for his Intro to Tech certification.
- Adam dove OGB and saw a pipe fish and lots of sand lancers.
- Brett dove at Back Beach and saw the anchor that people have talked about.

Old Business:

Events

- 9/13 – Ropes Course (9/27 rain date).
- 9/18 – Movie Night at Brett's house at 7pm.
- My Octopus Teach will be shown.
- BYOB of your choice
- 9/28 - NSF Club Picnic planned with BSC.
- Only club sanctioned raffles allowed near the NSF area.
- 10/4 – Crescent Lake dive, bike, hike, and pub event.
- 10/8 – Night Dive planned.
- 10/18 – Sky Diving planned. NOT Club sponsored.
- 10/19 – Club Supported Dive.
- 11/1 – Halloween Party at John's house – costumes recommended
- 12/13 – President's banquet to be at AOH. Kory, Dawn, & Vange will coordinate.

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New Business:

GroupMe discussion regarding multiple groups (dive vs. general information)

Motion raised and voted to leave the groups as is for now to test it and see how it works for the next few weeks.

General Discussion:

Vinny conveyed a message from Annette regarding future VT Trips.

Raffles:

\$ Box – Damian M (not present)

Mystery Prize – Colin D

NSF Meeting Minutes 9/25/2025

Where: AOH Peabody

Start: 7:00 pm – 7:56 pm

Attendance: 4 officers, 9 members

Dive Talk:

- Brenda dove 4 times this week and she is approaching her 100th dive. Folly Cove, Nubble Light, and Old Garden Beach. She saw a juvenile big eye fish, huge squid, and other great sea life. She has increased her tank duration from 45min to 1hr 20min.
- Kory did an accelerated intro to tech diving course at Hathaway Pond, which has a diving training set up.
- Ray told a fish story. He lost a piece of sensor equipment in a sewer and was able to recover it several weeks later. Ray was happy so that makes all of us happy.
- Skip and Eric W dove at a lake in NH. Skip tested some vintage double hose regulators and saw several lake bass.
- Peter Cassidy told a funny story about a 1990 dive trip to Guam.

Old Business:

Moving night was terrific at Brett's house. We saw My Octopus Teacher and had wonderful food.

Events

- 9/28 - NSF Club Picnic planned with BSC this Sunday.
 - Only club sanctioned raffles are allowed near the NSF area.
 - John Sears is coordinating the NSF raffle. Other member donations will be accepted.
 - Club member donation of side dishes appreciated.
- 10/4 – Crescent Lake dive, bike, hike, and pub event. Meet at 9am and 10am in water.
- 10/8 – Night Dive planned.
- 10/9 – AOH Closed. Planning an offsite location TBD.
- 10/18 – Sky Diving planned. NOT Club sponsored.
- 10/19 – Club Supported Dive. Above water skills dive planned.
- 10/26 – Pumpkin carving dive at Stage Fort Park.
- 11/1 – Halloween Party at John's house – costumes recommended.
- 12/13 – President's banquet to be at AOH. Kory, Dawn, & Vange will coordinate.

New Business:

Monthly raffle (spring loaded catch bag) has been kicked off. Ends Oct 23rd.

Air Bubbles for Apr-July has been published. Nice job Brett!

Membership:

Symeon Manias and **Duncan Kuhn** were voted unanimously as new members.

General Discussion:

Meet time change for Sunday dives will be when the clocks change back to EST.

Raffles:

\$ Box – Jane Howard (not present)

Mystery Prize – Kory Desmond