



Air Bubbles



The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

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President's Message – August 2014

Greetings Frogs and Happy Summer!

If you haven't purchased your whale watch tickets, you must hurry! Tickets are normally \$48 but we get a group discount rate of \$25 per person! Please see Adam Hartnett or go to the club website if you want to sign up and buy a ticket. No refunds unless Captain Bill and Sons cancels due to bad weather. Since we are getting a group discount, no tickets will be handed out until the morning of the trip. We will be picking up our tickets at the Whale Watch booth the morning of the Whale watch on Saturday Sept. 13th. Details on meeting time and boat location will be sent out to those that have purchased tickets.

Ethan Gordon will be giving a presentation on September 18th.

There are still spaces available for the club dive charter on Sunday 9/21/14. It will be open to the public by the 31st! They usually starting loading around 12:30 pm and depart at 1pm. The cost is \$80.00. The boat will is currently reserved for the club but remaining spots will be opened to the public on 8/31/2014. Contact Matt, Marissa or Fran to reserve your spot 508 873-8339 or email divedaybreaker@gmail.com

The Bay State Council Treasure Hunt Dive Cookout is on Sunday Sept. 28th at Stage Fort Park. The Underwater Treasure Hunt competition is an enjoyable family event providing an opportunity to meet new dive buddies, compete in a friendly environment and win prizes while supporting the Bay State Council of Divers. Registration is usually at 9am and there is a \$10 fee to participate in the Dive/Snorkel treasure hunt according to last year's information. I will update everyone if the registration fee or time has changed. After the treasure hunt there

will be a cookout. It will be a great time for your whole family.

We had an awesome time partying with "The Most Interesting Man in the World"! I would like to thank Jim and Linda D'Urso for hosting the Frogs again at their home for the summer cookout! I would like to name Jim and Linda D'Urso as Members of the Month.

I would also like to name Jennifer Entwistle as Diver of the Month for all her hard work on taking the club's present-day scuba photo.

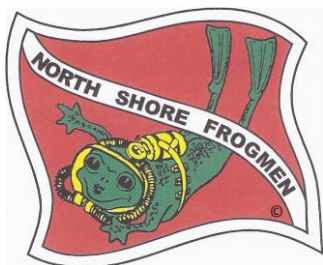
I hope to see you all soon!

- Laura Gallagher

President North Shore Frogmen

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***Deadline for submissions*
for the October 2014 issue
of *Air Bubbles* is
Sunday, September 28**

Meeting Summaries

07-Aug-2014

Meeting called to order: 7:50PM
Attendance: 2 Officers, 9 Members
Treasurer: Quarterly report will be ready soon.

Committees:

- **Program:** See website for details

Dive Talk:

- Fish count was 7/26. Several members attended.
- **VT trip: Ray, John & Annette** dove on CT River at an old ferry crossing at an oxbow. No evidence of the ferry. Mild current; 20" max, 5' vis, 71 °F.

- **VT: John & Vinny** dove lakes during the week: 71 °F; lots of logs. Fed mussels and crayfish to the fish, some large ones. Kayaking was good. Several people went to beer fest at Okemo which was lots of fun, while Dodie, Ron & Susan went to a craft fair at Sunapee.

- **Tony** was in RI on John Jack livaboard. Did several dives include U-853, USS Bass at 155' (top of tower at 110'), pinnacles w/ great swimthrough. Great vis, 50' or more. He's chartering the boat for Aug 26-28 out of NJ if anybody cares to join him. See Tony for details.

- **Dive this weekend:** Adam and John will go both days; meet at BK by 8AM.

Raffles: Not recorded

After the meeting, Adam showed his video of the week he and Jesse were on Cayman Aggressor

21-Aug-2014

Meeting called to order: 7:30PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 11 Members, 1 guest

Secretary: Business portion of minutes from 8/7 read and accepted.

Treasurer:

- Quarterly finances were made available
- Ellen completed the non-profit status paperwork and gave to Adam to file
- Payment for our Trademark was

made via Markus

Committees:

- **Program:** See website for details
- 9/13-Whale watch; sign up now as we need to reserve spots
- 9/18-Ethan Gordon presentation
- 9/21-Dive charter
- **Air Bubbles:** Mary will not be doing Air Bubbles after December. Looking for someone to take this position.
- **IT:** Daryl will contact Markus for account access.

New Business:

- Mary went to Bay State Council meeting last night. Lisa Smith from MetroWest will be writing a letter to the Fisheries Council asking that Cashes Ledge not be opened to trawling (it's been closed for 10 years). BSC will be sending a similar letter, drafted by Mary. Club voted unanimously to approve a motion that Mary and Mike compose a letter to be sent from the NSF.

- Bill W will be coordinating with MetroWest for food for the picnic. Adam has food left over from a beach meeting and will send inventory to Bill. MetroWest will be collecting canned goods for the Cape Ann Food Pantry; Ellen will add that to the calendar.

Correspondence: Received email from Dave Cox saying he saw 3 angel sharks; perhaps they were torpedo rays? He was invited to our meetings.

Dive Talk:

- **John F** went to Lanes alone, no other divers. 6 monster lobsters w. 4-5" carapace; he just let smaller ones go. There were lots of huge ones, 8-9" carapace.

- **Bruce** went to Lanes, no lobsters. John gave a lesson on where to find them and how to handle tides at Lanes, so now Bruce knows where to head. He did see a large wolf fish.

- **Jim** and **Steve** went to OGB to 46ft. Lots of shorts, only one keeper. Got video of squid eggs. **Susan** was there with a student.

- **Adam** went w/ Cape Ann Divers to Pickets Ledge and Salt Rock. Pickets

is his new favorite site. Warm water, lots of anemones. Then to Back Beach; saw lots of grubby sculpins.

- **Dive this Sunday:** John will be at BK, leaving at 8AM.

General Discussion:

-Graham got his drysuit back and is ready to dive again.

-DAN quiz on Ears and Equilization was brought for the edification of Club members.

Raffles: Dollars Box: John Marren
Mystery Prize: Adam Hartnett
Bug Bag: Adam Hartnett (soft weight belt)

After the meeting we viewed a David Attenborough documentary on FROGS. Fun!



JOB OPENING!

**Editor for
the North Shore Frogmen's
Club newsletter:**

AIR BUBBLES

Starting with the January 2015 issue of *Air Bubbles*, the Club will need a new newsletter editor/committee.

Bay State Council Meetings

The next Bay State Council of Divers meetings will be held on Wednesday, **September 17** and Wednesday **October 15**, at 7:30 PM at the SSN's clubhouse located at the corner of Quarry Street and Joyce Road in Quincy.

All are welcome to attend these meetings!



The Bay State Council of Divers

Supporting and promoting the recreational diving community in Massachusetts.

The Bay State Council of Divers (BSC) is a diver's advocacy group. The BSC monitors local, state and federal regulations that may affect the recreational diving community in Massachusetts. When required, the BSC represents the interests of the diving community in these matters.

The BSC serves as a liaison between dive clubs and dive stores to promote recreational diving activity in Massachusetts. All divers are encouraged to support the BSC with an annual contribution of \$5. Your contribution will allow the BSC to continue to be a strong advocate for the recreational diving community in Massachusetts.

For more information:
<http://www.baystatecouncil.org>

**Diver of the Month
for September 2014
Jennifer Entwistle**



DIVE ONE OF THE BEST SITES ON CAPE ANN!




We have added in another boat dive to Folly Cove on **September 13th**. This will be a 2-tank dive, with both dives taking place at Folly Cove. The boat departs the dock at **7:30am**. You can see amazing marine life at Folly such as sponges, Northern Red & Frilled anemones, nudibranchs, torpedo ray and so much more. You do not need an Advanced Certification for this dive.

Register Now:

Call us at 978-927-9551 to reserve your spot today. Folly Cove dives always sell out, so act fast!

**Members of the Month
for September 2014
Jim & Linda D'Urso**

Calendar of Events

31 Sunday Dive	1 LABOR DAY	2	3	4 Meeting	5	6
7 Sunday Dive	8	9	10	11 Meeting	12	13 Whale Watch
14 Sunday Dive	15	16	17 BSC meeting	18 Meeting Presentation	19	20
21 Sunday Dive Boat dive	22	23	24	25 Meeting	26	27
28 Sunday Dive	29	30			September	
October			1	2 Meeting Presentation	3	4
5 Sunday Dive	6	7	8	9 Meeting	10	11
12 Sunday Dive	13	14	15 BSC meeting	16 Meeting	17	18 Pumpkin Carving
19 Sunday Dive	20	21	22	23 Meeting	24	25
26 Sunday Dive	27	28	29	30 Meeting	31 HALLOWEEN	

Activities List - 2014

- 9/13, Sat **Whale Watch trip (see President’s Message for more info)**
- 9/17, Wed BSC Meeting
- 9/18, Thur **Presentation: Ethan Gordon**
- 9/21, Sun **Dive Charter w/ Cape Ann Divers on Daybreaker, Dry Salvages and Thatcher’s**
- 9/28, Sun **NSF Club Picnic with MetroWest and Finatics**
- 9/28, Sun **Bay State Council Treasure Hunt Dive and Snorkel Event**
- 10/2, Thur **Presentation: Jonathan Bird**
- 10/15, Wed BSC Meeting
- 10/18, Sat **Pumpkin Carving Contest**

Coming Events:

Club Whale Watch, September 13

We are now selling tickets for our Club Whale Watch on Saturday Sept. 13th! We are able to secure a group rate for tickets at \$25!!! These tickets are usually \$48 which is a huge savings! MetroWest and Finatics Dive Clubs will be joining us for this whale watch trip.

The boat holds 150 people. We will meet at the boat at 8:15AM to check in and pick up tickets. Captain Bill and Sons is located at 24 Harbor Loop Gloucester, MA. Marine biologists who have been studying the whales for years will be on board.

Contact Laura Gallagher to sign up and buy tickets, or purchase tickets online our website:

Dive Charter – September 21; see NSF website for details.

On **September 21**: Adam has scheduled a 2 tank boat dive with Cape Ann Charters on the Daybreaker to Dry Salvages and Thatcher's Island/Diver's Choice on Sunday July 21st in the afternoon. The seals have been hanging out on these rocks for the past few years.

They usually starting loading around 12:30 pm and depart at 1pm. The cost is \$80.00. The boat will is currently reserved for the club but remaining spots will be opened to the public on 8/31/2014.

Contact Matt, Marissa or Fran to reserve your spot! divedaybreaker@gmail.com or 508-873-8339
<http://www.divedaybreaker.com/>

Presentation: Ethan Gordon on September 18

Underwater photographer Ethan Gordon will speak to the Club.

Joint Club Picnic – September 28 at Stage Fort Park, Gloucester

Our Club Picnic will be held rain or shine at Stage Fort Park on Sunday, September 28. We will be joined by MetroWest Dive Club and the Finatics Dive Club. This is a family event, so bring the crew! Clubs supply burgers and dogs. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Picnic is free for Club members and immediate family (spouses, children). There's a \$5 fee for other guests.

BSC Treasure Hunt Event – September 28 at Stage Fort Park

The Bay State Council of Divers has held their Treasure Hunt Dive and Snorkel Event in conjunction with our picnic for the past couple of years. It works out well. Plan to participate in this fun event and then come to the picnic for food.

Presentation: Jonathan Bird, on October 2

Underwater photographer Jonathan Bird will give a presentation



Bay State Council of Divers 29th Annual Treasure Hunt

Sunday, September 28, 2014 (Rain or shine)
9AM to 4PM at Stage Fort Park, Gloucester, MA
All Divers and Diving Organizations Welcome

TREASURE HUNT:

- \$10 entrance fee
- Objective: to find small objects in shallow water
- Prizes: Diving equipment, dive charters, etc.
- Everyone on his own in this scramble for prizes
- Proof of certification required

SNORKEL EVENT:

- 6 person max teams club or shop

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

9-9:30AM Registration
10-11AM SCUBA Event
11:30-12:30 Snorkel Event
2-3PM Trophies & Prizes



ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

STAGE FORT PARK, GLOUCESTER, MA

We are planning a joint Club Picnic again this year. We will be coordinating with MetroWest Dive Club for the food. The Clubs will be providing burgers and hot dogs, buns and condiments.

BYOBeverage and a dish to share: appetizer, salad or dessert.

This is a great time for divers to get together and talk DIVING with others so inclined.

It's also a great family event, so bring the spouses and kids. Families of NSF and MWDC members are free; we ask for a \$5 donation from others.

We will also be collecting canned or non-perishable food for the Cape Ann Food Pantry, so please consider bringing a food item for that. This is a good-will gesture from the diving community to the City of Gloucester.



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Party at the D'Urso Pool – August 16th

(Photo courtesy of Linda D'Urso)



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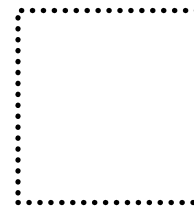
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Sept 13: Whale Watch
Sept 18: Ethan Gordon Presentation
Sept 21: Boat Dive Charter
Sept 28: BSC Treasure Hunt
Sept 28: CLUB PICNIC



Sunday Dives:

**Summer Hours: We will be meeting for Sunday dives at 7:30 AM,
Meet at Burger King on Rte 128 in Beverly.**

The North Shore Frogmen's Club

(Beginning February, 2013) has business meetings and presentations on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30PM. Check website for updates!!!!

at Palmer's Cove Yacht Club

74 Leavitt Street
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Social meetings are on the alternate weeks at 7PM