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The Newsletter of the North Shore
Frogmen's Club

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**Message from the
President:**

Vinny Egizi

President's Message

Hello Froggies. March was a very fun and event packed month. We kicked off Sea Rover weekend with a terrific presentation by Peter Buzzacott on Diving Accidents and Nitrox Diving. This was the second time Peter presented to our club and it was well attended by many people from the local dive community. It was great seeing so many club members at Sea Rovers in our booth, at the presentations, and enjoying the film festival. Unfortunately, the highly anticipated presentation by Annette Spaulding was cancelled due the sudden passing away of her daughter; Christine Spaulding. It was very nice to see so many Froggies attend the Celebration of Life for Christine the following weekend, giving Annette and her family much needed support during a difficult time. Annette was visibly appreciative of our attendance and expressed her enthusiasm to host us this July for the NSF Vermont Week. I would also like to thank Mary Howard for hosting a terrific St. Patrick's Day party and inviting Ray Porter to attend.

Now it is time to get into the water!!! Spring is here and although the water is still chilly, we have several April dive events planned to help you ease into the diving season, check out your gear, and get wet: April 14th (Saturday) Annual Easter Egg Dive followed by a party at Dodie's and April 22nd (Sunday) Earth Day Beach Cleanup Dive (see details below). We also have a terrestrial event planned for April 28th; Dim Sum and Aquarium IMAX Film Day, so please join

us for this fun club activity. As always, events are open to Froggies and friends/family. Finally, for those of you who plan on watching the Boston Marathon on April 16th, keep an eye out for a very pretty runner named Evangeline Egizi, who will be running her 10th and last marathon.

Vinny Egizi

Upcoming Events

Calendar view and details on website [here](#)

Sunday Dives - Dive with a buddy!

Meet every Sunday between 9:30-10 AM at Burger King on Rte 128 in Beverly; depart for dive site at 10 am. (Winter Hours). **Switching soon to meet and leave BK by 8 am.**

Meetings:

Usually Thursdays at
Palmer's Cove Yacht Club
74 Leavitt Street
Salem, MA

- Thursday, April 5th, 8pm: N.E. underwater macro by Andrea Dec and Mike McDonald
- Saturday, April 14th, 10am: Easter Egg Dive and Hunt, Stage Fort Park. Party to follow at Dotti's.
- Thursday, April 19th, 8 pm: **Presentation on Martinique diving by Susan and Ellen**
- Sunday, April 22nd, 10am dive time: Earth Day dive and cleanup at Niles Beach, Gloucester. Shore and in-water cleanup planned. Lunch at local establishment, possibly with Finatics after cleanup.
- Saturday, April 28th, 10am: Dim Sum in China Town, then IMAX film or 2 at NEAQ. Details below.
- Thursday, May 17th, 7pm: Restaurant Outing - site to be determined.
- Saturday, May 19th, 9am: Canoe/kayak on the Ipswich River, Meet at Foot Brothers, 230 Topsfield Rd, Ipswich, MA. Rent or bring your own.
- Saturday, June 9th, Noon - till...: Party at Vinny's. Details to follow...
- Saturday, July 21st, 8am-Noonish: Women Divers Hall of Fame, Stage Fort Park

- Monday, July 30-Sunday, August 5: Vermont Week of kayaking and diving with Annette.

Meetings start at 8 pm; Social gathering at 7:30. Most of the "business" is accomplished at the first meeting of the month. The last Thursday of the month has no meeting.

NOTE: The last Thursday of the month is a meeting of the Photo Society at Undersea Divers. We have a number of NSF photographers and videographers as members.

60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER CRUISE

Save The Date – 25 August 2018

The 60th Anniversary Celebration planning is ongoing. We will be on the top deck of the Beauport Cruise Ship from 6-9 pm. We will be having a Buffet dinner.

Along with the 3 hour cruise (think SS Minnow), we have added a pre-cruise drink and appetizer gathering at the Topside Grill, located at 50 Rogers Street, Gloucester. Appetizers will include: Mushroom caps, crab cakes, chicken wings, bacon wrapped scallops, and a cash bar.

For those interested, we can return for a post-cruise social gathering.

Tickets and further details will be available as we get closer to the event so please stay tuned.

Note: we failed to credit Mary Howard last month (even though she is in the picture).



Earth Day Beach/Ocean Clean-Up Dive - On April 22nd (Sunday) Susan Copelas has organized and received authorization for us to conduct a beach/ocean cleanup event at Niles Beach. This coincides with Earth Day and will be our weekly Sunday Dive event (so do not show up at Burger King on this day). Friends, family, and land based Froggies are encouraged to attend to clean up the beach while the divers clean up the ocean. We will pick a place for an after event gathering as well. The dive will start at 10:00am.

For Sale by Al Morris

Sealife DC1400 ,14MP Underwater Camera ,almost new. Never used U/W
Fish Eye lens almost new, never used U/W
Metal Light and Camera Tray
I-torch Venusian III 650 Lumen Light ,10 degree spot
Batteries and Chargers for camera and light
Sealife carrying bag . Replacement value over \$700.
For Sale \$300.
Al 978-697-3483

Bay State Council of Divers Information

EDUCATION SECTION

Northeastern Marine Science Center Lectures

Murphy Bunker, 430 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA 01908

Salem Sound Coast watch

Salem Sound Coast watch has many other activities listed on its website:

www.salemsound.org

New England Aquarium – IMAX Films

Times for April 28th

- Galapagos 3D: Natures Wonderland 12 and 3 pm
- Oceans 3D 10am, 2pm, 4pm
- Pandas 3D 11am, 1pm,

We have scheduled the date of Saturday, April 28th for an excursion to China town and The aquarium IMAX theater. Restaurant: China Pearl, 9 Tyler Street, Chinatown, Boston.

Films are about 45 minutes duration and cost: Adult \$9.95, Senior (60+) \$7.95, Members \$8.95

We will have a sign up to ascertain number of people attending..

Dim Sum (a style of Chinese cuisine prepared as small bite-sized portions of food served in small steamer baskets or on small plates https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dim_sum)

Member's Corner



DIVER OF THE MONTH
March
Andrea Dec

The Diver of the Month for March is Andrea Dec. Along with our other cold water divers, Andrea has been very active this winter, and has captured some very beautiful macro photos of sea life on the North Shore. Her patience under water, an eye for photo composition, proper lighting, and her post-processing techniques allowed her to put together a terrific assortment of photos, which she shared with the North Shore Frogmen at our April 5th meeting. Her presentation, given alongside fellow winter diver and photographer, Mike McDonald was well attended by Froggies and friends.



MEMBER OF THE MONTH
March
Susan Copelas

The Member of the Month for March is Sue Copelas. Although her prolific dive schedule makes her a candidate for every single Diver of the Month nomination, in March Sue has been instrumental in setting up the venues for our 60th anniversary event. Sue also continues to promote several other club activities planned for 2018; Earth Day Clean-Up Dive at Niles Beach (April 22nd) and Woman's Dive Day at Stage Fort Park (July 21st). Thank you Susan for all you do behind the scenes for the NSF and the diving community on the North Shore.

Fun stuff we did last month

Club members were involved in a variety of activities in March...

On March 22nd, we had a restaurant outing in lieu of a regular meeting. A dozen Froggies met at the British Beer Company for dinner, drinks and conversation. Those present had a great time! Unfortunately??? there are no photos to include here. Perhaps that is best...

Dr. Peter Buzzacott was kind enough to speak to our club again on March 8th. He came up early to speak to us before his presentations at Sea Rovers. Peter

spoke to us about the safety and statistics collected on diving with Nitrox and diving accidents. Peter was very informative and engaging as a speaker. He readily answered audience questions.

While the weather did not cooperate for him to dive with club members on Friday, March 9th, we did take him out to dinner and introduce him to a couple of local IPAs - which he enjoyed.

Sea Rovers Summary:

The North Shore Frogmen attended a very successful event at the Sea Rovers convention in March. We had a prime spot in the corner of all the dive club booths, which promoted lots of foot traffic of very interested people who live and dive on the North Shore. The booth was set up by a combined effort of Ellen Garvey, Mike Garvey, Ray Porter, Daryl Findlay, and others. Ellen also provided a hand blown glass fish which was raffled off and won by Daryl. We promoted the 60th anniversary event to be held later on this year on August 25 and there was lots of discussion and collaboration amongst all of the dive clubs in attendance; New England Aquarium, Old Colony Amphibians, South Shore Neptunes, Salem State University Dive Club, and Bay State Council. The film festival was well attended and completely packed as well with many wonderful films shown and a terrific (and humorous) talk by Doug Allen (cinematographer for Blue Planet, Human Planet, Frozen Planet, and 25 other credits). As if that was not exciting enough, we even overcame a fire alarm which went off, mandating the full evacuation of everybody at the event.

Photos:

- Bill, John, and Vinny at booth
- Ray, Mary, Amy, and Peter at booth
- Ellen pulling winning ticket for hand-blown glass fish. (made by Ellen)
- Daryl talking to Alvin at Sea Rovers event.





Actual Local Diving

Due to uncooperative weather, little local diving has taken place by Froggies. Some members (Susan) have done warm water diving while traveling. For details and info on great travel sites, catch up with our warm water travelers at a meeting. Jim B, Daryl, Andrea, and Peter did manage to get out.

Note: as the air and water temperatures warm, and the seas settle down from the frequent winter storms, we will, hopefully, see more Froggies in the water. We do have scheduled dive events coming up. As noted above, divers have been getting out to do local diving. Unfortunately, most of them have not been Froggies. I need a sad-face emoji.



Meeting Summaries

Mary Howard, Secretary

NSF Minutes – March 1, 2018
8:05PM to 9:05PM
Attendance: 11 total, including 3 officers

No minutes read, no Treasurer's report.

Announcements:

Jack turns 75!!

Graham is here after his surgery!

Dodie mentioned to Susan that Jerry Sutherland is unwell.

Events schedule:

2/8 – Peter Buzzacott will come speak at our meeting

2/9 – Dive scheduled with Peter Buzzacott

2/20-22 – Sea Rovers Show in Danvers

3/22 – Dinner meeting at British Beer Works, 7PM

7/21 – Women's Dive Day at Stage Fort Park. This year they will promote women who own businesses in Gloucester

9/15 – Women's boat dive – contact Matt & Marissa, Cape Ann Divers

9/16 – Annual Club Picnic and BSC Treasure Hunt – Permit has been pulled.

Old Business:

- Patty DeClue and Peter Cassidy showed up for the hike in Breakheart reservation. Good time!
- Banff Film Festival: Films were really good, went to Bangkok for dinner.
- Discount for membership between NSF/Photo Society/Dive Society under discussion
- We had a 60th Anniversary meeting before tonight's regular meeting.

New Business:

- Float cleaning up in the air right now. PCYC has not scheduled their work weekends. Vinny will follow up.

Dive Talk:

- Susan was in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico where she defended some newborn turtles from pelicans.
- Jack was in Venice, FL, dove to 50-60 ft with no viz and "wicked undertow". No sharks' teeth!

Raffles:

\$ Box – John Marren

Mystery prize – Jim D'Urso

Bug bag – Mary Howard

NSF Minutes – March 8, 2018

Attendance: 29 total, including 3 officers and 8 guests including the speaker Peter Buzzacott

No minutes read, no Treasurer's report.

Old Business:

- Sea Rovers is this weekend. Mike and Ellen will set up with help from Ray on Friday.

Dive Talk:

- Allen Presser went to Bonaire with Undersea Divers, saw turtles, octopus.
- Faith is just back from diving in Antarctica, says the weather here is worse than there. (Remember it's summer there!) Saw leopard seals, orcas, penguins, crazy underwater bugs, and lots of ICE. There were 34 passengers on the boat, 26 divers.

Raffles:

\$ Box – Allen Presser

Mystery prize – Peter Chapman

Bug bag – Colleen Kelly

Another great presentation by Peter Buzzacott, MPH, PhD, Director of Injury Monitoring and Prevention, Diving Incident Report Systems US at DAN. His lesson: Never annoy a whale shark!

NSF Meeting, March 15, 2018

Start: 7:59PM

Attendees: Dan Anaya has been diving for a number of years, advanced, Nitrox, drysuit. 10 members including 4 officers

Minutes accepted as amended

Treasurer's report accepted as read

Has 2017 report.

Good news:

Membership has gone up a bit. Even with attrition and life members, membership goes up a bit

Some good events in 2017

Other news:

Banquet ticket sales better than previous, but we spent more.
Did not break even by \$476. More spending on prizes, had DJ
Without the banquet, still had a small shortfall (~\$500)
Close to being on par in 2018 for membership, 41 paid member,
28 life members
For 2018 – will be an expected planned expense for 60th Anniversary
event
We take in money from membership and raffles. \$7800 in admin fees.
In the last couple of years we have not adhered to the budget.

IT Committee: Checking our Facebook page. Bill primarily is updating the
Google calendar. Jim B updated it today.

Should have page promoting the 60th on the website.
Daryl will make that update. He needs some content, photos from prior
banquets, website for boat. Topside and cruise. Nominations for “person who
has significantly promoted diving on the north shore. Advertising, PayPal, etc.

Correspondence –

Annette, thank you for announcing Walpole event for Christine.
Salem State Dive Club – they are no longer members after they
graduate.
Contacted new member Alex

Old Business: 60th Anniversary party: next meeting prior to April 5 regular
meeting. Have confirmed boat, pre cruise gathering. Post cruise will be
informal. Ticket sales to start in May, need to do outreach to members and
past members.

Float cleaning – have asked PCYC to let us know when they’ll have a
work plan, hoping they’ll let us know, and then we can do it. Anyone interested
in a float dive (no cleaning) in early April? Some people are interested. -
Dredging has been delayed.

4/22 – Niles beach clean-up – Susan is arranging. Other clubs invited.
Need to verify who is picking up the trash.

4/14 – Easter Egg Dive and party at Dodie’s. Dive at Stage Fort Park
New Business: Jim B came to a meeting!!

Dive Talk: 2 Saturdays ago Jim B & Daryl at OGB. Daryl stayed down about
an hour, playing with new gear, taking pictures of nudibranchs. Giant tree got
washed out. That was the last diveable day. - Fort Sewell is trashed by the
storms. Road is somewhat washed out, wall has been undermined.

Before Sea Rovers – Jack and ___ did a deep dive with rebreathers in
a pool.

Dan Anaya did one dive since New Years, ice dive on Winnepesaukee.

Stuck his hand up through an ice fisherman's fishing hole.

Plan for this weekend, maybe....

\$ box – Jim Barbara

General raffle – Meg Tennissen

Dive Travel Opportunities

November 3-10, 2018

Bonaire with Undersea Divers

December 1-8, 2018

Little Cayman with Undersea Divers

January 17-26, 2019

Maldives Live-aboard

March 2-9, 2019

Bonaire with Undersea Divers

June 8-20, 2019

Tubbataha to Atlantis Dumaguete

Please contact the trip provider for full details and sign up.

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