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## WELCOME TO OUR AUGUST NEWSLETTER

It's August and we are deep in the local dive season. If you have not ben wet yet this summer now is the time! Grab your buddy and come with us to the St. Lawrence River and dive before the summer passes you by! You can share the cost of gas with your buddy and have a great time diving the Brockville, Canada wrecks. Do you want to track the river temperature? Checkout [http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station\\_page.php?station=aban6](http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=aban6) to see the current St. Lawrence River water temperature at Alex Bay.

Have you checked out the new Sherwood SR1 regulator? We have them in stock. This is a kicking high end; high flow; low Work Of Breathing; warm water/cold water regulator, recreation/technical - do it all regulator. Can't wait to read all the details, [click here](#).

Happy reading,

Mach10 Mike

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### DAN needs your help

DAN Needs your Dive Profile Data : Divers Alert Network is hosting its second PDE Extravaganza, asking divers to submit their profiles of dives made between Memorial Day and Labor Day 2008 (last year, the reports "came in droves," DAN says). Profiles are tabulated for PDE, the data collection program DAN calls the most extensive, ongoing study of recreational diving. Divers who submit 10 or more summer dives receive a specially designed T-shirt and entry into a drawing for a \$250 DAN gift certificate. There's no limit to entries per person. For more details, click here (<http://www.diversalertnetwork.org/research/projects/pde/index.asp>).

### Trivia Contest

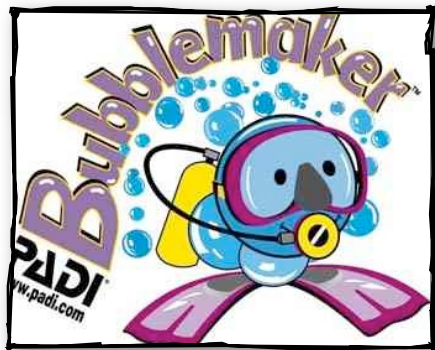


When you looked at the questions, did you get them both correct? Did you include both your first and last name? If you forget to fill in your name, we can't pull your name out of the old dive hood! Many of you participated and did get both of them correct. Well, the names are in the old dive hood and the name is... Dana Silvestri. So Dana, come on in to Blue Ocean Divers and pick up your tee-shirt.

How can you win a Blue Ocean Divers tee-shirt? Go to our website and answer the 2 Trivia questions. Upon submittal you will be told if you found the correct answers to the questions. Your chances in the drawing will be based on the number of questions you answered correctly. If you answer both questions correctly you will have 2 chances in the drawing. If you answer only one correctly you will get one chance in the drawing.

Breakout your RDPs, review your buoyancy concepts. There even may be questions from the new Digital Underwater Photography Specialty. If it's been awhile since you looked at any of your course books, a PADI Encyclopedia of Recreational Diving book might be a good investment. Good Luck to one and all.

### PADI BubbleMaker Birthday Party



Have you been looking for a very unique birthday party for your 8 to 10 year old? Then sign them up for a PADI BubbleMaker Birthday Party. The birthday celebration will be a BubbleMaker experience and a party celebration with birthday cake and party favors for all party goers. During the pool/BubbleMaker experience the children will learn a few basic scuba skills and spend an hour underwater experiencing the joys of breathing underwater while playing lots of underwater games. Medical forms and releases must be completed by all children with parent signature prior to the start of party. Contact Blue Ocean Divers for all the details.

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New for your Dive Locker



### Sherwood Scuba SR1

**FEATURES:** The new SR1 from Sherwood Scuba was the standout regulator of this review, offering innovative design, clever features and outstanding breathing performance.

The first stage is polished chrome over brass with five low-pressure ports on a turret and two high-pressure ports. It's a balanced piston design, but with a unique air-filled dry-sealed spring chamber that is completely environmentally sealed. The pneumatically balanced second stage features a single control knob that simultaneously adjusts both the venturi control and breathing resistance. And between dives, a SMART demand lever lightens the load on the valve seat for extended life and performance. Bonus: The second stage also comes with an external fitting for adjusting lever height, making life easier for your technician.

**PERFORMANCE:** Underwater, the SR1 delivers dry and effortless breathing in all positions, thanks in part to an oversized exhaust valve, which reduces exhalation resistance. This design helps reduce overall work of breathing, and yielded Excellent ANSTI machine scores in all tests. In fact, the SR1 was one of only four regs to earn perfect simulator scores. The flexible front-cover purge provides a forceful clearing action, and the low-profile exhaust tee does a good job of deflecting bubbles, both when stationary and when moving forward in the water.

**BOTTOM LINE:** The SR1 is a solid breather, combining proven regulator design with cutting-edge features for excellent performance.

**PRICE:** \$640.

**WEIGHT:** 2 pounds, 5 ounces.



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### Looking for a “new to you” BCD or Regulator?

Come on and chat with old Mach10 and he can set you up with a slightly used regulator and BCD.

### Educational Opportunities

#### PADI Open Water Diver

Our July class filled and is going strong. Our next Open Water Diver community class will begin August 26<sup>th</sup> and run for 5 consecutive weeks with an additional week of pool prep so you can see what diving with a cold water wetsuit is all about.. This is a Tuesday night. Class will begin at Blue Ocean Divers at 6:30. We will leave for the pool about 8 p.m. and be in the pool from 8:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. This will be our last community class that will complete certification at Dutch Springs or 2008. Our next class will include a certification weekend to Florida! Checkout all the details in next months newsletter!

Can't wait for the next community class? No worries! We can schedule your private class at your convenience!

#### PADI Advanced Open Water

Do you feel comfortable with your dive equipment after your PADI Open Water certification? Do you want to understand diving in different underwater environments? Do you want to want to find out what it's like to dive in river current? Do you want to learn more about diving into history and seeing sunken ship wrecks? Then it's time for YOU to sign-up for the PADI Advanced Open Water program! Our next Advanced Open Water course is scheduled for August 8 - 9.

### The Unknown Diver

Hello Divers,

A while back I was in B.O.D 's equipment room having my dry snorkel serviced. (Mike R. does a wonderful job adjusting the thing but I digress) I overheard some O/W students discussing the night's planned pool events.

I guess they were wondering about the relevance of performing different skills. As a casual observer and a veteran of more than a few dives I will share my opinion. There is not one skill in the PADI training requirements that do not serve a useful purpose. Shared Air. Pretty much a no brainer here. Mask clearing. Any mask may leak at some time for a host of reasons, and it is better to see than not to see. No mask breathing. In the event we ever lost our mask it's important to know that we could safely surface without it. The time factor required to demonstrate competency of this skill pretty much matches the time recommended to safely ascend from the depth we are certified to reach as Open Water Divers. Coincidence? I think not. I have trained with multiple agencies and instructors. I can assure you PADI and the instructors at Blue Ocean Divers are top shelf. Demonstrating proficiency in the skills listed in the curriculum will make you a competent and SAFE diver. That is what it is all about. That being said, let me share a personal note.

I paid a visit to my good friends Divemaster Earl and his wife Sweetie. Seems like Sweetie has been obsessed with redecorating the house since Earl did such a fine job carpeting their outhouse. Sweetie went to some store, I think it was Sleep, Shower and Stuff, looking for pink curtains. After selecting just the right shade she told the clerk they needed to be seventeen inches long. She added that the curtain was for her computer. The miffed sales associate commented that computers don't need curtains. Sweetie replied, "Hellooo..., It has Windows".

Never dive over your head

"The Unknown Diver"

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### New from On-line

#### Aqua Lung Recall

##### RECALL OF CERTAIN TITAN/CONSHELF DIN HANDWHEEL RETAINERS

Aqua Lung was recently informed about the breakage, under pressure, of a TITAN/CONSHELF DIN HANDWHEEL RETAINER weakened during service by manual torque loads superior to the recommended values. Aqua Lung asks all the owners of TITAN DIN regulators whose serial number is lower than 6062501 or TITAN/CONSHELF DIN adaptors that are marked 300 BAR MAX to return their regulator to their Aqua Lung authorized retailer for an upgrade. The corrective action is replacement of the brass DIN HANDWHEEL RETAINER by another stainless steel DIN HANDWHEEL RETAINER marked 300 BAR MAXI. This replacement is made under warranty. All the TITAN DIN regulators whose serial number are above 6062501 and \or whose DIN handwheel retainer is marked 300 BAR MAXI are assembled with a stainless steel DIN handwheel retainer and are not affected by this recall.

#### Apex Recall

##### **Limited Recall of Apeks TX, ATX and XTX 2nd Stages.**

**This is limited to those 2nd stages/octopus that have not undergone an authorized annual service.**

It has come to Apex attention that an incorrectly assembled 2nd stage has been purchased. If you have an Apeks regulator or octopus that has never had an authorized annual service, regardless of how recently purchased, please take the regulator/octopus to your Apeks dealer to be visually inspected.

All Apeks dealers and distributors have been made aware of this issue. Do not dive with the regulator until it has been visually inspected. Apeks apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause. We are dedicated to making the world's best diving products and ensuring diver safety at all costs.



#### Links to St. Lawrence Dive Site Information

With the price of gas are you thinking about diving closer to home this summer? Do you know that we have one of the best fresh water dive destinations right here in our own backyard? It's the St. Lawrence River! Do you want to know more about the dive sites we dive every summer? Check out St <http://www.saveontarioshipwrecks.on.ca/News/Shipwreck%20articles.html> and see what there is to explore in the St. Lawrence River! Our next trip will be a shore based trip diving both Canadian and US wrecks. Come and see what all the excitement is about!

#### Dive Links for Kids

Do you have a budding diving that just can't get enough of the oceans and all of the critters and life they contain? Here is a link that they should enjoy. It's Jonathan Bird's Blue World website. The URL is <http://www.blueworldtv.com/>. Direct from their website here is what they are all about. "Jonathan Bird's Blue World is an educational family-oriented underwater adventure series being co-produced by [Jonathan Bird Productions](#) and [Oceanic Research Group](#). It is hosted by dynamic naturalist and underwater photographer Jonathan Bird. The format is magazine style, with short 7-10 minute segments each containing a complete adventure story with an educational component." Check it out. I think the kid in all of us will enjoy it.



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### Travel

#### St. Lawrence River



We'll be going to the "river" six times this summer. Three times will be strictly shore diving and the other trips will be with Abucs Scuba in Brockville, Canada. The shore diving will be bare bones. We will provide a dive guide that will get you to the dive sites and explain/brief the dive. You will be responsible for all diving necessities, transportation, meals and lodging.

The trips with Abucs Scuba will provide three boat dives on Saturday, two boat dives on Sunday, lunch on Saturday and lodging Saturday night. You will be responsible for providing all of your own dive equipment including weights and three tanks. We will get air fills in Canada for Sunday. Of course, if your dive locker is a little lacking, Blue Ocean Divers can provide any equipment you are missing or a complete weekend package.

Don't miss out on experiencing the best fresh water dive destination in the USA! Come and dive the St. Lawrence River.

#### Florida Keys

We are off to dive with Conch Republic and stay with Coconut Palms Inn which is just around the corner from Conch Republic. We leave August 17<sup>th</sup> and return on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

It will be our usual Florida itinerary. Arrive Sunday, dive 2 tank boat dives, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. Leave for home on Saturday. The trip price included double diver lodging with continental breakfast and diving, tanks and weights. The cost was \$795 per person, double diver. Read our trip report next month to see all the fun you missed!



#### Sunset Waters in Curacao

If you missed out on our 2008 Sunset Waters, Curacao you missed out on a very fun trip. The staff at Blue Ocean Divers will endure any embarrassment to make the trip fun for all. If you have any doubts checkout old Mach10 in the trip video!

The diving was great! We saw all the usual fish with lots of eels, file fish, puffer fish, drum fish, nudibranchs and sea horses. I had more than one diver tell me that the house reef was the best dive site on the island. Not that any of them were wanting, just that the house reef had so much to offer.

The food and service was its usual superior level. I found out that rabbit has lots of bones making it a little difficult to enjoy. We had lots of foods to pick from with made to order eggs in the morning, American or local dishes at lunch and dinner ranged from barbeque one night, steaks and seafood.

Our next trip back is booked for February 14-21, 2009. we are flying Delta Airlines from Philadelphia with a stop in Atlanta then on to Curacao. We will have 6 days of 2 tank boat dives and the usual unlimited shore diving. Meals and all standard beverages are included. Of course use of all non-motorized beach toys are there for your pleasure. We have multiple room options for this trip! Bringing a family? We have a selection of rooming options for everyone and every family. Get your non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 in now to make sure you share all the fun!

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### AquaCat Live aboard

Come and join us as we dive the Bahama waters of the Exumas from May 2nd through May 9th 2009 aboard the Aqua Cat liveaboard. The Aqua Cat is a 102' catamaran making this boat very calm and stable.

The Aqua Cat offers a leisurely liveaboard scuba diving and snorkeling adventure cruising from Nassau, Bahamas to the remote islands of the Exumas, and especially the Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park, the most pristine area in all the Bahamas. Imagine sinking your toes into sugar sand, diving among the lemon sharks and sting rays, or hiking the trails of pirates and bootleggers of years gone by. No crowds, no set itineraries, nothing to do but sit back, relax and choose from an incredible variety of liveaboard activities including scuba diving, snorkeling, kayaking, fishing, sunbathing, and island exploring. Photographers will find underwater life in the Exumas some of the most prolific and varied of any coral reef in the world. Aqua Cat enables you to scuba dive remote walls, wrecks, and coral reefs with sharks.

Our Aqua Cat adventure will include painted walls, friendly grouper, thrilling shark encounters, drift dives and mysterious blue holes. Don't miss out on the shark feed dive usually offered during your scuba diving liveaboard adventure vacation. You will experience truly virgin diving in the Exumas. For over 30 years, much of the northern Exumas has been a National Underwater Park. The park contains miles and miles of undersea gardens and reefs perfect for snorkeling with gin clear waters and lots of fish.

Join Blue Ocean Divers on this liveaboard dive experience for only \$2,395. This includes 8 days, 7 nights with 6 days of unlimited diving. Nitrox is available on the boat. All lodging, meals and beverages are also included. I have 6 cabins booked for 12 lucky divers. Don't delay in getting your \$500 deposit to hold your spot on this super trip!

### Calendar

Date	Activity
August 9-10, 2008	<b>St. Lawrence Boat weekend - Canada</b>
Aug 16, 2008	DAN Oxygen Provider class
August 17 - 23	Key Largo dive trip with Conch Republic & Coconut Palm Inn
August 30-31, 2008	<b>St. Lawrence Shore Dive weekend - USA</b>
September 6-7, 2008	Dutch Springs Certification weekend
Sep 13, 2008	PADI Emergency First Responder
September 20-21, 2008	<b>St. Lawrence Boat weekend - Canada</b>
October 4-5, 2008	Cornell Extension Outdoor Show, Bath, NY
Oct 11, 2008	DAN Oxygen Provider class
October 18-19, 2008	Dutch Springs Certification weekend <b>(Last for 2008)</b>
Feb 14-21, 2009	Sunset Waters, Curacao
May 2-9, 2009	AquaCat Live-aboard, Bahamas

### Store Hours

Monday – Friday Noon until 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Closed