

# BLUE OCEAN DIVERS

## NEWSLETTER

<b>New Training Offerings</b> <i>Our next PADI Open Water class is July 14<sup>th</sup>.</i> <a href="#">Click here</a>	<b>Equipment Specials</b> <i>Checkout the specials from Henderson &amp; Aqualung</i> <a href="#">Click here</a>	<b>News from Tug</b> <i>Checkout the stories and tales from our very own "Unknown Diver"</i> <a href="#">Click here</a>	<b>Calendar</b> <i>Don't miss all the happening at Blue Ocean Divers</i> <a href="#">Click here</a>
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## WELCOME TO OUR JULY NEWSLETTER

I can't believe that a month has already gone by. Here it is July and our first St. Lawrence trip has come and gone and our July 35<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> trip is full. We tried a "Day at Dutch" with great success, our Dive Master class is going right along and we are just finishing up the current PADI Open Water Class. Yup, the summer dive season is in full swing here at Blue Ocean Divers.

Need a dive or two to bring your scuba skills back to life? How about a fun 2 tank boat dive on Seneca? We go every Sunday morning we have 3 people sign up for the trip. Special rental pricing is available for those that don't have a full kit yet.

*Did you see our Dutch Day on June 27<sup>th</sup>? I know everyone that went had a good time. It looks like we are going to combine our next Open Water weekend with a mini-Dutch day. Rental equipment will be somewhat limited due to student needs but there will be EXTRA staff there to help you dive at Dutch Springs.*

We still have some great opportunities for equipment updates. If you didn't get a new Sherwood SR1 and save big bucks you missed a deal of a life time. The new Henderson H2 wetsuits are in-stock and getting rave reviews, and Aqualung is continuing their \$100 instant rebate on any regulator over \$500. Come in and checkout all this great equipment.

Happy Diving,

Mach10 Mike

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### News from the Dive Center

#### We have doubles to Rent

Calling all experienced divers wanting more bottom time. Blue Ocean Divers now rents doubles. We have high pressure steel 100s and low pressure steel 85s. If you're tired of changing out tanks every dive or having to surface earlier than everyone less maybe it's time to get into doubles to expand your air supply.

#### Trivia Contest



The June Trivia was back on track. I was able to get real questions up on the website but they couldn't have been very hard. I didn't stump anyone who answered. So everyone that took a go at the questions gets their name put in the old dive hood. And the name that comes out is Michele Masarech. So Michele, stop on down to Blue Ocean Divers and pick up your bottle of mask defog.

How's your supply of mask defog? 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. Good Luck to one and all.

### Educational Opportunities

#### PADI Open Water Diver

Do you have a friend that you would like to see as your new dive buddy? Are they seeing all the fun you are having diving? Are they looking for something that will provide warm sunny thoughts? Enroll them now in our next PADI Open Water Diver course starting July 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### DAN, did you know?

By Robert Hamilton, DAN Instructor.

Have you been to the DAN website (<http://www.diversalertnetwork.org/>)? As a DAN member you should take the time to register for access to the members- only portion of the website. You will find free tools and online educational courses that are part of the benefits you have as a DAN member.

Under the "My DAN ACCOUNT" tab you will find a personal database to record all of your dive certifications:  
Certifying Agency, Certification, Certification Date, Certification #, Certifying Instructor, Instructor's Number and Last Updated.

This can be a great resource if you have certifications from several agencies.

Do you keep all of your receipts for your equipment purchases? There is another wonderful free tool under the "Equipment" tab. It is a complete inventory system for your dive gear. Information such as purchase date, serial numbers, last service date, manufacturer, purchase price, etc are part of the system. If you ever have an insurance claim for damaged or lost equipment this information would be available for you in a single location.



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Third, under the “Training & Education” tab, you will see a tab for “Online Seminars”. Here you will find several interactive online seminars. When complete there is a final test. If you successfully complete the seminar you will be able to print your certificate.

These are just a few of the benefits and tools that are available through your DAN membership. If you haven’t taken the time to visit the DAN website I strongly suggest you do so. Your membership gives you much more than just a magazine and insurance. DAN is a non-for-profit agency that promotes dive safety and research in dive medicine.

Visit the DAN website today and see what you may be missing.

### Equipment Specials

**Henderson H2 Wetsuits in stock!**



**COMFORT...  
BEYOND IMAGINATION!**

Henderson Titanium Hyperstretch wetsuits have been the #1 selling brand of dive wear in the USA for over 5 years.

Henderson now raises the bar on Comfort and performance. Introducing Hyperstretch® 2 "H2" Built to exceed your expectations and imagination. Incorporating over 45 years of patterning and craftsmanship experience, featuring the latest advances in neoprene and fabric technology. H2 will immerse you in comfort and surround you with technology.

**BE THE FIRST TO EXPERIENCE H2!**

**Henderson H2 TITANIUM**

**EDITOR'S PICK**  
2009 DIVER

**SCUBALAB 2009 TESTERS' CHOICE**

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### Aqualung Gear up and GO!

With your purchase of a qualifying BC, regulator and computer, you can...

- ✓ Save up to **\$1,550** in [Wakatobi\\*](#)
- ✓ Save up to **\$1,200** in [Palau\\*](#)
- ✓ Save up to **\$980** in [Grand Cayman\\*](#)
- ✓ Save up to **\$850** in [Bahamas\\*](#)

Already purchased your Aqua Lung dive package? Click [here](#) for your voucher submission form.

### *Program details:*

- No blackout dates; subject to resort/dive operator availability.
- A minimum stay requirement may apply; contact participating destinations for detail and travel arrangements.
- Offer ends 8/31/09
- You must register at [www.aqualung.com/gear\\_up\\_and\\_go](http://www.aqualung.com/gear_up_and_go) to receive voucher
- Voucher must be redeemed within one (1) year of purchase.
- To receive voucher, form and receipt must be post marked by 9/30/09.
- BC, regulator and computer must be purchased at the same time

### Aqualung Instant Rebate

This is a very simple program. Buy any Aqualung regulator with a MSRP of more than \$500 and get an instant \$100 off your purchase. No forms to fill out, no UPC codes to cut and send in, just come in, buy your regulator, get your instant rebate and go dive. It's just that simple. Come and see Blue Ocean Divers for your instant savings.

### The Unknown Diver

Hello Divers

It appears one of Blue Ocean Divers newest instructors, (Class of November 2008 **a.k.a. The Lady and the Tramps**) is compelled to share some of his observations. Please humor him and read on. Hopefully other Instructors, A/I's and Dive Masters will follow the lead and share their thoughts and experiences. Frankly I could use the break. I am still working on my version of a Sling Shot Fin.

Never Dive Over your Head

"The Unknown Diver"

Hi All,

Our old friend "Tug" has agreed to share this space to cover a few things about Open Water Certification Dives at Dutch Springs. This past May, Blue Ocean Divers headed for Dutch with 28 students and brought back 27 new divers. A pretty impressive success rate and clearly one that would not have been possible without the cooperation of all involved. To the assisting staff and students a special tip of the hood. That being said let me share my humble opinion.

A typical weekend at Dutch has a certain amount of "hurry up and wait". With the number of divers, equipment and staff constraints it will more than likely require splitting the students into two groups. PADI is very clear on the student to instructor ratio and to his credit Mach 10 Mike has tighter criteria. Mike's requirements are in place to assure ultimate safety as well as providing ample time to demonstrate and evaluate diver skills. As we have witnessed in our pool sessions not everyone performs at the same pace. A student diver may take additional time to

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clear their ears or may have to repeat a required skill. PADI standards require all students to demonstrate mastery and sometimes it just may take a new diver longer. None of us would want to feel rushed and in fairness to all we need to be patient.

As for the availability of equipment Mike and Patti have done a fantastic job in acquiring an impressive array of gear. Keeping that in mind there is a limited number of any size BCD or wetsuit and at times we need to again be patient until the proper size is available.

It is also entirely possible your certifying instructor may not be the one you had in class and the pool. Personal schedules or logistical issues often come into play. Rest assured **ALL** of the Blue Ocean Dive Instructors, Assistant Instructors and Dive Masters are well trained and committed to providing you with an enjoyable open water experience while meeting PADI standards. Above that they are great people and lot of fun to dive with.

At Mike's last staff meeting considerable time was spent discussing the Dutch Springs weekends to make any needed changes for improvement. Several good ideas were discussed and I am sure the entire staff will make every effort to accommodate any potential changes.

In closing, check with your instructor or Mike and Patti to discuss your weekend at Dutch. Please don't hesitate to ask any questions, and offer suggestions. That being said,

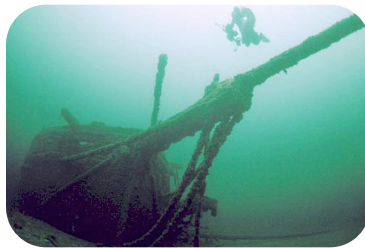
"Dive safe and I'll see you on the bottom"

Brent Mosher

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## Travel

### St. Lawrence River



Our trips in 2009 will be with Abucs Scuba. Included in this relaxing and fun weekend is 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. The [calendar](#) has all the dates. So mark **your** calendar NOW and don't miss a minute of the fun! The St. Lawrence River has been named the best fresh water dive destination in the USA. And the "River" is right here in our own backyard! Come and dive the St. Lawrence River with Blue Ocean Divers and Abucs Scuba.

### Links to St. Lawrence Dive Site Information

Gas prices are MUCH lower that last year. Are you thinking about getting back on the road and diving local dive sites 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 [http://www.saveontarioshipwrecks.on.ca/News/Shipwreck\\_articles.html](http://www.saveontarioshipwrecks.on.ca/News/Shipwreck_articles.html) and see what there is to explore in the St. Lawrence River! Our calendar has the dates for our next trip with ABUCS Scuba in Brockville Canada.

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### Warm-water Dive Trips

#### August Trip

We moved our August trip to the first week of the month. We are going to Bay Island Beach Resort in Roatan. Our trip includes 5 days of 2 morning boat dives, a daily afternoon boat dive, 1 night boat dive, unlimited shore diving and 3 meals daily. We filled our rooms but there is still room at the resort for last minute additions. Check our website [Excursions](#) page or call for all the details.

#### Calendar

Date	Activity
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Seneca Boat Dives
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Seneca Boat Dives
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Seneca Boat Dives
July 20 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup>	PADI Seal Camp with the YMCA
July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Seneca Boat Dives
August 1 <sup>st</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bay Island Beach Resort, Roatan
July 11 - 12	Dutch Springs Open Water weekend
August 22 - 23	Dutch Springs Open Water weekend
October 3 - 4	Dutch Springs Open Water weekend
October 24 - 25	Dutch Springs Open Water weekend
July 25 - 26	St. Lawrence River trip with Abucs Scuba
August 15 - 16	St. Lawrence River trip with Abucs Scuba (Technical, lite)
September 5 - 6	St. Lawrence River trip with Abucs Scuba
October 17 - 18	St. Lawrence River trip with Abucs Scuba
November 4 - 7	DEMA, Orlando, FL

#### Store Hours

Monday – Friday Noon until 8:00 p.m.

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

Sunday Closed