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WELCOME TO OUR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Hi Everyone. Here it is September and I feel like we never have had a Summer! This has to be one of the coolest summers I can remember here in the Southern Tier. Has the weather kept you from diving this summer? Our daylight is getting shorter with each passing day. Before you know it the snow will be flying and you'll be looking at ads for diving in the warm water of the caribbean! Maybe it's time to go diving! If you wait too much longer - how about a drysuit course? We were just up on the St. Lawrence River diving and the water is still warm at 72 degrees. A 5mm A OK but if you wait much longer you'll need a drysuit to stay nice and warm and toasty! Happy Diving,

Have you found us on Facebook yet? I'm trying to get current events posted along with breaking news. Check us out, look for user name Blue Ocean Divers, and see all the timely happenings.

Mach10 Mike

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News from the Dive Center

Dive Opportunity

Have you been diving in Seneca Lake? Checkout the Sunday morning dives!

Have you seen our updated Website?

It may not look all that different to you but the updates will go much faster and now that it is database driven the data will be consistent. We have the "Contact Us" form fixed and have cleaned up several other little problems that have been dogging us for some time.

Take a walk through our website and let us know what you like and what still needs a little work. I'm looking forward to faster updates and maybe more frequent updates.

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.

The Unknown Diver

Tug has an accident this month. He went fishing and instead of catching fish he got caught! Maybe he'll share a recent fishing story with us next month.

Trivia Contest



With the new website 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 Stephanie Heckathorn. So Stephanie, 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.

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Educational Opportunities

PADI Specialty of the month for September

Society members who enroll in the Project AWARE Specialty course this September are eligible for free PADI Fish Flips.



[Project AWARE](#)

[Redemption Form - September \(PDF\)](#)

DAN, did you know?

It doesn't matter what level of dive certification you have, from Open Water to Master Instructor. At some time during the course work for every level of certification, you touched on DCS and the use of emergency oxygen. But at no time did you get formal training or a certification on the setup and use of oxygen. Did you know that in New York State you need to either have a doctor's prescription or a recognized provider certification to purchase medical grade oxygen? It is considered a drug. Emergency oxygen is one of the few tools we, as divers, have to help our buddies suspected of having DCS, before EMS or people with advanced medical training arrive to take over patient care.



The DAN O2 course will give you the necessary certification to provide emergency O2. It will show you how to setup and use different basic oxygen delivery systems. If you want to go on with advanced skills, the DAN Advanced O2 course will show you systems that make the job of managing unconscious divers easier. If you are an EMT and think you know how to use oxygen, you'll be interested to hear that DAN has several delivery devices that NYS does not teach at this time. They are devices that delivery high concentrations of O2 without the waste that a 15 liters per minute non-rebreather mask has. If you are diving at a remote site and have an emergency, that could be a waste of oxygen that you may not be able to afford if you are carrying a single D cylinder.

If you are thinking about PADI Master SCUBA Diver or Rescue Diver, the DAN course can be used as a PADI specialty. Sign up anytime if you are interested in learning more about emergency O2 use. We can setup the class around your schedule. It only takes 1, maybe 2, evenings or a half day on a weekend. Smaller classes are better for this class as it will give you more hands-on time to work the different devices. If you have already taken an O2 class, check the date on your card. Since this is a medical course it needs to be refreshed every 2 years. Don't wait for us to post a class on the board. Sign up today and we will schedule an instructor based on your calendar.

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Bob Hamilton
PADI / DAN Instructor
NYS EMT

Equipment Specials

In-stock Cochran Computers on sale

Are you looking for a good wrist mount computer? Quick and to the point - All in-stock Cochran computers are 30% off. We also have a couple of rental Cochran computers that are even more affordable. You have to see Mike for the deal on the rental computers.

Suunto Dive Computers



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Travel

Dutch Day

Did you make the Dutch Day last month? If not you missed a great day! Not only was it an opportunity to get wet and do so with Blue Ocean Divers' Staff there to help but there were many new and interesting things to see and do.

Richie Kohler from Shadow Diver fame was there diving his Evolution re-breather, Kiss re-breathers was doing demos, Sherwood, Genesis, Akona, Princeton Tec, Henderson, Sea Life cameras and Olympus cameras were all there with gear you could take and dive with to see it's for you!

We really were lucky to pick a day at with all of this extra activity. I'm thinking we will not be so lucky next time.

St. Lawrence River



Our last trip to the St. Lawrence River for 2009 will be October 17 & 18.

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. 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.

THE KEYSTORM

The Keystorm is a 256 foot long steel hull cargo vessel with a 43.5 foot beam displacing 2300 tons, was built in 1909 at New Castle. She lies in American waters on the south side of Outer Scow Island Shoal near Goose Bay. There are usually 2 buoys marking the wreck. The Bow Buoy, the northern one of the two, provides an easy guide down 25 feet to the pilot house in the forecastle through light to medium current. Once on the wreck, there is little to no noticeable current. The Midship Buoy takes you down to about 45 feet to view her 4 huge open cargo holds and loading booms. You will find the 4 inch cables still lying about from a failed attempt to raise her. Her stern engine room and props lie at a depth of 103 feet.

The Keystorm is lying on her starboard side providing a nice opportunity to view the 40 foot gash on the port bow, that the inexperienced first mate so artfully carved into her using Outer Scow Shoal on October 13, 1912. While you are there, check out the anchor pockets but don't breathe the air you'll find there. She is still hung on the shoal providing the experienced diver with an opportunity to swim through under the wreck at around 90 feet.

The Keystorm, engaged regularly in the coal trade between various coal ports in the United States and Montreal, Left Charlotte, NY, on October 25, 1912 about 3:00 PM for Montreal with a cargo of 2,273 tons of coal and arrived of Tibbetts Point in the St. Lawrence about midnight. At 12:15 AM on October 26, the master gave over the charge of the navigation to his first mate, with the orders of a very definite nature as to what he should do, but for some reason or other did not go below to his quarters, but remained on the forward deck, evidently not being quite satisfied of the first mate's ability to run the vessel in the intricate channel in that locality and also being doubtful as to the state of the weather, which was at that time unsettled.

At 3 AM the ship being off Alexandria Bay, the master retired to his bed, the weather conditions, according to evidence, being the same, but he did not take off his clothes, evidently expecting a call. From that point that point

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the vessel proceeded safely up to Sister's Island Light, which was a perfectly straight course from Sunken Rock Light. When passing the Sister's she ran into a bank of fog which obscured all lights and landmarks. The first mate then showed total disregard of all prudence or common sense and, not knowing what course the vessel would steer by compass, never having, as he said paid any attention to such a method of navigation, he tried to take the customary course by using what he supposed was the glimmer of light on Sister's Island over the stern, but without being able to see the gas buoy on Chippewa Point Shoal which under ordinary circumstances would have shown on the starboard bow. Then, being doubtful of the ship's position, and without any reduction in speed, he sent to call down the master, but before this could be done the ship struck Outer Scow Shoal, and became a total loss.

Calendar

Date	Activity
September 11	Roatan Picture Party (Even if you didn't go - come join the fun) 7:00 p.m.
September 19	Beach Clean-up
September 22	Rescue Diver starts
October 3 - 4	Dutch Springs Open Water weekend
October 10	Rescue Diver class goes to Dutch
October 24 - 25	Dutch Springs Open Water weekend
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