

# BLUE OCEAN DIVERS

## NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

First

With the new year we are changing our newsletter look. This is no small undertaking. Please be patient with us as we “get the kinks out”.

Welcome to the new year! Did you make any New Year resolutions? Good for you. The start of the year is always a time for reflection and hopes. Did you get all of the diving you resolved to do last year? We know better than most that life can change your resolutions. But that never stops us from making more resolutions. Whether the resolution is to dive more or spend more time with the family we need to keep making those resolutions! I for one will resolve to experience two St. Lawrence River dive sites I have not had the opportunity to dive yet. This is the same resolution I had last year. So take a lesson from ol' Mach10 and don't give up on your resolutions, keep them out in front of you and strive to achieve them, all of them.

Happy New Year

Mach10 Mike



### Happy River Diver

*You can have a happy face just like this diver enjoying another beautiful day diving on the St. Lawrence River. Never been to the river you say? Why not? We have a wonderful freshwater dive destination just around the corner from us. What re you waiting for? Join us on a river dive this summer.*

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## Scuba Challenge

On Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> Blue Ocean Divers held it's first Scuba Challenge. Our next challenge will be Sunday, January 13th from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the Binghamton YMCA. This challenge will be a buoyancy challenge. If you think you have good buoyancy here is your change to rove it.

## My Most Memorable Dive

Ok, where are you budding Hemmingways? Don't you want 15 minutes of fame? Take 15 minutes and jot down your memories of a favorite dive and become part of the Blue Ocean Divers. All it needs to be is 2 – 3 paragraphs and you'll be a published author!

## 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... Mike Ballas. Mike only got one of the answers correct and still was lucky enough to be pulled from the old dive hood! So Mike, come on in to Blue Ocean Divers and pick up your tee-shirt.

You will have the opportunity to answer 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.

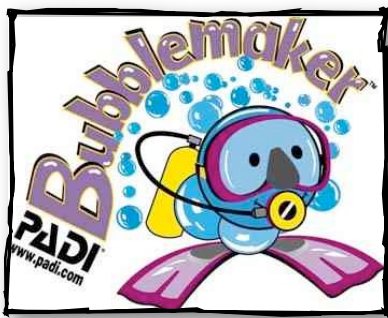
Breakout your RDPs. Review your buoyancy concepts. There even may be questions from the new Digital Underwater Photography Specialty. If it's been awhile since you looked at any of your course books, a PADI Encyclopedia of Recreational Diving book might be a good investment. Good Luck to one and all.



## Give your child a Birthday Party to remember

*Do yo have an eight to ten year old who is in love with the water? Blue Ocean Divers is now offering Bubble Maker birthday parties. We can provide a complete birthday party for your budding diver and 9 of their friends. A PADI Bubblemaker pool experience which includes the use of all scuba equipment, the use of the YMCA classroom for the party, party favors and a cake.*

## 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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## Why Buy your kit at Blue Ocean Divers

- First year annual service free
- Personal attention and support in selecting your equipment
- Training in the proper use of your new equipment
- We assemble and check your equipment
- Full Manufacturer's warranties on all new products purchased
- Ability to touch, look and try-on before you buy
- On-site support to handle warranty and returns
- On-site service/repair
- Training on how to use your new equipment
- Free use of rental equipment if service is not able to be completed when needed

## Do you need a Fleece?

Get a Blue Ocean Divers' fleece to keep you warm and comfortable as the temperatures drop. Elegantly show that you are a diver with this very comfortable pull-over fleece. While supplies last they are 25% off.

## Nitrox Certification

Are you coming to Curacao with us? With Nitrox offered free for the week, Blue Ocean Divers is offering PADI Nitrox certification for free. You just have to buy the training supplies. That's a \$100 savings. What are you waiting for?

## The Unknown Diver

Hello Divers,

By the time you read this Christmas will have past and a new year awaits. I hope you had a great Holiday and wish you all the best in 2008! That being said allow me just a few moments of your time to share one of my observations.

Santa Claus delivered an antique styled Radio, Cassette and C.D. player. I was a little upset there was no provision for my eight track collection but I digress. The A/C plug had a safety cap on the end. What's up with that? Is this to keep the appliance from accidentally be plugged in while shipping? Pondering the need for that little gizmo made me think of the warning on large plastic pails. The graphics warn us against submerging little Bubba or Bubbette in a bucket of water. To the best of my recollection there is no printed verbiage, just a picture of an inverted child in the container. Perhaps that makes sense. Anyone needed to be advised of that danger probably would struggle with the big words anyway. What if every thing we bought, rented, borrowed or found had a warning for every conceivable mishap or disaster. "Don't put a football or your elbow in your nose", "Do not operate a motor vehicle while wearing water ski's", "Backpacks should not be placed over a parachute while skydiving". Eventually I will get to my point.

Many things we do have the POTENTIAL to be dangerous. A good dose of common sense will go a long way in preventing accidents. For specialized activities, like diving, proper training and common sense will do much to avoid any incident. A reputable training agency and dive center will provide the training (and you know my choices are PADI and Blue Ocean Divers) The common sense is up to us.

**Never dive over your head**

"The Unknown Diver"

## On-Line Nugget

Quick and to the point. There's a new on-line dive magazine. It's called Dive Chronicles. You can read this new magazine at <http://www.divechronicles.com/pdf/DecFinalWeb.pdf>.



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## St. Lawrence River

We'll be going to the "river" 6 times this summer. Three times will be strictly shore diving and the other trips will 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.

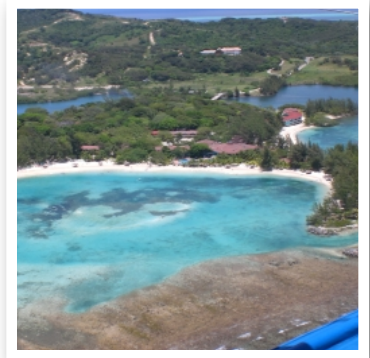
The trips with Abucs Scuba will provide 3 boat dives on Saturday, 2 boat dives on Sunday, lunch on the boat Saturday and lodging Saturday night. You will be responsible for providing all of your own dive equipment including 3 tanks and weights. Of course, if your dive locker is a little lacking, Blue 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.

## Roatan

Our trip to Roatan as seen in The Worlds Best Diving & Resorts issue of Sport Diver is all set to go. If you didn't get your spot then you won't be having all the fun with us from February 16<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup> of 2008. We are staying at Fantasy Island, which has great shore diving! There is wreck and reef right off of their gazebo! We have 8 days, 7 nights and 6 days of 3-tank boat dives, one night dive with unlimited shore diving. Of course tanks and weights are included. Nitrox is available for an additional expense. The package includes 3 meals daily.

We'll have a trip report, pictures and videos to share with all that couldn't hake the trip. Maybe this trip will have someone's most memorable dive!



## Sunset Waters in Curacao

Time is quickly running out for you to join us for a grand time here at Sunset Waters in Curacao! We will be in Curacao at Sunset Waters from April 12<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>. The only reasonable airfare was with Air Jamaica out of Philadelphia. This year's trip will be a \$2,200 per person double diver.

This trip will include airfare from Philadelphia to Curacao and return, 8 days, 7 nights with 6 days of 2 tank boat dives and *unlimited shore diving*. As part of the special package we will be getting all of our Nitrox for free. Not Nitrox certified, no worries. Sign up for this trip and earn your PADI EAN certification for the cost of the training materials. That's a \$100 saving to YOU!

Meals and all standard beverages are included. Of course use of all non-motorized beach toys are there for your pleasure.

This trip is priced at \$2,200 double diver and \$1975 non-diver. We have room for 16 folks and 9 are already filled. At these prices this trip will fill fast so get your \$300 non-refundable deposit in today to make sure you don't miss all of the fun.



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## Calendar

Check it out for upcoming diving and training opportunities just right for you.

Date	Activity
Jan 1, 2008	Happy New Year
Jan 12, 2008	EFR at Blue Ocean Divers
Jan 13, 2008	Scuba Challenge 4 - 5:30 pm sign up today!
Jan 27, 2008	PADI Open Water Module 1
Jan 27, 2008	PADI Seal Team
Feb 2, 2008	DAN Oxygen Provider training
Feb 2, 2008	Ground Hog Day
Feb 3, 2008	PADI Open Water Module 2
Mar 2, 2008	PADI Open Water Module 1
February 16 – 23, 2008	Fantasy Island, Roatan
April 12 – 19, 2008	Sunset Waters, Curacao

## Store Hours

Monday – Friday Noon until 8:00 p.m.

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

Sunday Closed