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Welcome to a New Year

Here is it January 1st, 2011, WOW where did 2010 go? So it's time for the good old new years resolutions. Loose weight, get in better shape, get a better job, find more ways to have fun, etc.

Blue Ocean Divers can help you have more fun and maybe even get you a better job! Have you thought about turning your love of diving into a career? Would you like to be paid for doing something you find fun and love? Becoming a dive instructor can do that for you.

You can become an instructor and work part time to create a diversion from your current job as you grow in depth & breath your instructor skills. You can work anywhere in the world.

Are your new year resolutions not that grand? Well what about a resolution to learn something new or be a better diver? Blue Ocean Divers can help there too. Even though the local waters are VERY chilly, you can learn skills to save a dive when something is your kit is not as it should be in a PADI Equipment Specialty course. You can learn skills that can save a life in the unlikely event something on a dive goes very wrong by taking an Emergency First Responder course or an Oxygen Provider course. How about a resolution to just dive more in 2011 and have more fun!

That's my resolution! Dive more and have more FUN!

Safe New Year & Good Diving,

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News from the Dive Center

December Certifications

This month we were busy with classes. Look at the folks is learning and growing their dive skills. The following folks have earned new certifications.

Emergency First Responder

Skylar G.

PADI Jr. Advanced Open Water

Skylar G.

Congratulations to one and all.

The Unknown Diver

First off, Happy New Year ! I hope you all have a safe and prosperous 2011. Given the state of the economy perhaps we should focus more on being safe. Usually this would be a segue for me to go of on a rant about continued education; Emergency First Responder, Rescue Diver, or a SCUBA Review, all available at Blue Ocean Divers, but no commercial this time. No suggestions to see Mike or Patty to provide any and all equipment needs, training or dive adventures. This posting will present a different view.

I have filled this space for over ten years. I have attempted to amuse and sometime even inform fellow divers.

After all this time I just realized I have nothing more to offer. If allowed to continue I may be writing about my collection of broken fin straps, complaining about kids playing in my yard or people parking on the wrong side of "My" street. Surely there must be someone out there who can take over this awesome responsibility. Perhaps several folks. It wouldn't need to be full time. I will remain available for backup or as a consultant. On second thought anyone that would use me as a consultant needs more help than a SCUBA review but once again I have veered of course. I would ask if any or all you have an opinion, there is a stretch, a favorite dive site, training experience or what ever send it to Mike. Somewhere out there is the next Ernest Hemingway or even Dr. Seuss. I look forward to reading your story.

By the way, over the Christmas holiday I got a chance to visit with my old friends Divemaster Earl and his lovely wife Sweetie. It seems that Santa Claus brought them a new puppy. It sure enough is an unusual looking critter and not any breed I am familiar with. Knowing better but asking anyway, I asked Earl what kind of dog it was. As usual he had an answer. He went on to say it was a mixed breed, half Eatsalot and half Sooner. Already in over my head I went on to say I was not aware of either breed. He went on to explain the front half of the dog eats a lot and the back half of the dog would sooner poop on the floor than go outside! Ya gotta love him.... Bye for now and again Happy New Year.

Never Dive Over Your Head..

"The Unknown Diver"

P.S. From Mike, The unknown diver is a cherished friend and contributor over the years. His "semiretirement" is long overdue. He is not going away. He will still be in the water guiding pollywogs on their path to becoming divers. I will happily publish any dive stories you, our divers, wish to share.

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Trivia Contest

Have you been checking out the Trivia questions on the website? I'm trying to make the questions more interesting and close to home. If you have been avoiding the trivia it's time to check it out. So all the answers for December are in the old dive hood and the name that popped out is Grant Jones So Grant, 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

DAN DEMP

It is a rare event when a dive emergency is a single event. More often than not, separate small problems compound to create a larger problem. Divers interested in understanding first aid care for dive emergencies can now take the Diving Emergency Management Provider course from Blue Ocean Divers. This single program integrates the knowledge and skills from several DAN Training Programs into 2 four-hour days. The Diving Emergency Management Provider course includes:

- Oxygen First Aid for Scuba Diving Injuries
- Advanced Oxygen First Aid for Scuba Diving Injuries
- First Aid for Hazardous Marine Life Injuries
- Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for Scuba Diving
- On-Site Neurological Assessment for Divers

Blue Ocean Divers provides the On-Site Neurological Assessment for Divers as an extra incentive for this very comprehensive program.

After reviewing the skills and knowledge development portions of this program, the students then participate in an integrated scenario where they get the opportunity to bring together all the skills they learned in each of the segments into a single scenario.

Diving Opportunities

Fiji Update

In our final stages of closing on our trip to Fiji the airlines, Air Pacific, imposed VERY restrictive luggage rules. They are only allowing one 50 pound bag per person. A second bag is accepted but a \$2.50 per POUND fee is charged the traveler. Also carry on luggage is restricted to 15 pounds. So forget about carrying your cameras, computers and regulators in carry-on.

We are working very aggressively with the airlines to get them to reverse their decision to restrict luggage. If Air Pacific does not reverse their luggage policy by January 10th we will re-schedule our August trip back to the Caribbean, possibly Barbados. If you want to go to Fiji even with the luggage restricts, please drop us a line. If

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enough people are will to accept the new luggage restrictions we will book the trip. Please stay tuned. I will send out an e-mail on the 10th once the decision has been made.

Join us on Grand Cayman at Cobalt Coast

All of the original slots are taken but if you want to come and get out of the cold and nasty Southern Tier winter, just ask and we will see if there is still room at the resort.

This is a 8 day, 7 night, 6 dive day vacation. We have 2 boat dives a day with unlimited shore dives. The price includes lodging, diving and 3 meals a day. See all the trip detail on our [Excursions page](#) on our website.

DiveTech at Cobalt Coast is one of the most robust dive shops I know. They cater to open water divers getting them on the best reefs in the best seas possible. Yet if your interests and training have grown to more advanced diving DiveTech can support your dive needs up to and including the open circuit or closed circuit trimix diving. Rebreather tanks, doubles and sofnolime is all available.



Calendar

January 1	Happy New Year Blue Ocean Divers will be Closed
January 8	DAN DEMP training (day 1 of 2)
January 15	DAN DEMP training (day 2 of 2)
January 30	PADI Open Water class Module 1
March 4 - 6	Boston Sea Rovers, Crowne Plaza Boston North Shore, in Danvers, MA
March 25 - 27	Beneath The Sea, Meadowlands,

Store Hours

Monday – Friday Noon until 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Closed