

BLUE OCEAN DIVERS

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WELCOME TO OUR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

For us, December is a month for reflection. You see it was nine years ago that Blue Ocean Divers was born. As with any offspring their growth and maturing is a rewarding struggle for both. It is also true that what an offspring becomes is a result of the community surrounding it. We have been blessed with a surrounding community consisting of the best customers any dive center could ask for.

You were here when our classroom was a table in a drafty corner behind our equipment storage area, to now when we have a dedicated classroom controlled by a networked computer with a projector system.

You were here when our rental equipment was an amalgamation of BCDs, Regulators and Wetsuits, to now we have all the same model of top of the line BCDs in 7 sizes, consistent regulators with 1/3 of them sporting full nitrox computers and wetsuits from Henderson that are all the same material, cut and fit.

You were here when our equipment service station was a chair in a corner with a towel to cover our lap (to catch dropped parts) and a tank sitting next to us for an air source and test stand, to today where we have a full test station complete with tank valve repair stand, tank tumbling and special tools & service kits for more regulators than I can list here.

These are but a few of the areas in which our little offspring has grown. There are many more areas of growth. All of this growth has lead to the growth of PADI professionals choosing to contract with us and teach you, our students, customers, friends and family. Welcome to the newest PADI Instructors in the Southern Tier; Louise, Brent, Tom, Terry, Al & Bob.

Happy Holidays,

Mach10 Mike & The Queen Pat

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News from the Dive Center

D.A.N. Holiday Basket Raffle

When you make a purchase from Blue Ocean Divers between November 10th and December 20th receive 1 raffle ticket for each \$50 of your purchase. This basket will include:

- Guardian First aid kit (631-2600)
- Pocket Guide First aid (401-2000)
- DAN Surface Signal (641-1000)
- DAN Travel Mug (501-5100)
- And a surprise or two

If you stop by during our Holiday Open House you can put one entry in just for stopping by and eating a cookie with us.

Holiday Open House

Join the Blue Ocean Diver family for a Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 6th, from 2 to 4 p.m. Stop in, say hi and share your favorite dive of 2008 while enjoying cookies and punch with your fellow divers at Blue Ocean Divers.

PADI EANx32 RDP Recall

PADI Americas recently discovered an error in some printings of the English language, Imperial EANx32 RDP. The affected Imperial EANx32 RDP has the following product number and product code. These codes are found in the lower right corner on the back of the table. Product No. 60049 Ver 1.2 (Rev 02/03) XXXPDK7 indicate a recalled table. The product code digits indicated by "X" may vary but products with the last four digits "PDK7" is the indicator for the recall.

As a double check, on Table 3, check the 110 foot row under Pressure Group G. The table should indicate a Residual Nitrogen Time (upper number in white) of 13 and an Actual Bottom Time (lower number in green) of 12. If this box is blank, you have a misprinted table. **DO NOT PLAN YOUR DIVES USING THIS TABLE.**

Your RDP will be replaced with a new table at no charge to you. You may send your table to:

PADI Americas
Attn: RDP Recall
30151 Tomas
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

In the United States and Canada, you may call PADI Americas' toll free number 800.729.7234 or 949.858.7234, extension 2011 for further information on this recall.

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Trivia Contest



Everyone needs mask defog. So starting this month, you are the Trivia winner you get your choice of 1 bottle of in stock mask defog.

Looks like I'm going to have to make the questions easier. I'm not seeing to many folks get both questions correct. Is it maybe time for some of you to take a scuba tune-up??? Don't forget to fill in your name, we can't pull your name out of the old dive hood if you don't include it!

Well, the names are in the old dive hood and the name is... Leigh Bales. So Leigh, come on in to Blue Ocean Divers and a bottle 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.

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.

Equipment Specials



Get a free Akona Pro Kit

When you purchase a Sherwood weight integrated BCD during the month of December receive a free Pro Kit (dive light, dive knife & 2 retractors) specially designed for your new Sherwood BCD. This the perfect accessory for your new BCD. The retractors are designed to fit in special pockets to hold your light and console in the ready position for your immediate use throughout your dive.



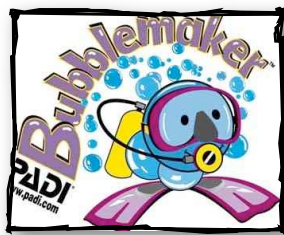
St. Moritz Watches

We'll make it easy. All in-stock St. Moritz watches are now 25% off until December 25th.

Surface Marker Buoys (SMBs)

Are you diving the St. Lawrence River without your own SMB? Here is your chance to own your own safety. If you get blown off of a St. Lawrence wreck an SMB will let the boat easily stop you once you surface. Take 10% off all in-stock Innovative Scuba SMBs, a great recreational value.

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 many 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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Educational Opportunities

PADI Open Water Diver

December is the time to think about what you are going to be doing on that caribbean vacation or cruise! Are you looking to try scuba diving? Do you want to complete your dive training in water tropical waters while you're on your vacation? Sign-up now for our next open water course starting in February. It's perfect for anyone looking to travel to the warmer waters of the Caribbean this winter. Check the [website calendar](#) for the start of our next class.

The Unknown Diver

Hello Divers,

I've been pretty busy and hence missed my November submission. Trust me the time was well spent. After being out of school for more years than I will admit to, I went back to class. I did Ok and was successful in completing the course. Let me share the highpoint of what I learned. Any endeavor one takes on is much easier to complete with teamwork. Be it a NASCAR championship, The World Series, The Stanley Cup, or what ever. It is never the results of just one individual. In my case without the support of family, friends and fellow students I would have sported a dunce cap and not a mortar board. Before I get too preachy and suggest "We win one for the Gipper", lets get back to our favorite sport. SCUBA Diving.

Unlike the examples I listed above diving is not competitive. We don't have opponents, we have buddies. That my friends gives us an edge. We depend on our buddy for obvious reasons, safety being number one, but lets take it a fin kick or two farther. I would submit to you, the folks you took your Open Water Certification with would be a great bunch to continue on with for Adventure Diver, Advanced Open Water and countless other adventures and certifications. Keep you buddies close, in the water and the class room. Your team much like mine, will share some incredible adventures. That being said, Merry Christmas, and...

Never Dive Over Your Head

"The Unknown Diver"

Travel

St. Lawrence River



The trips to the "River" for 2008 are over. Did you explore the local historical diving the St. Lawrence River has to offer? Did you grow your dive skills by earning your PADI AOW while diving in the "River"? We were able to introduce many of you to the natural wonders and relaxation the St. Lawrence River has to offer. If you missed the fun we shared in 2008, plan now to join us in 2009.

Our trips in 2009 will be with Abucs Scuba doing 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. Watch the calendar for the dates and mark your calendar NOW so you don't miss a minute of the fun! The best fresh water dive destination in the USA is the St. Lawrence River, right here in our own backyard! Come and dive the St. Lawrence River.

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Links to St. Lawrence Dive Site Information

Gas prices are coming down. 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%20articles.html> and see what there is to explore in the St. Lawrence River! Watch our calendar for our next trip will with ABUCS Scuba in Brockville Canada.

Sunset Waters in Curacao

If you missed out on our 2008 Sunset Waters, Curacao and you haven't signed up for our February 2009 trip; you are about to miss out on another fun trip. This trip will finalize on December 15th. We still have 4 lodging and diving slots left.

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. 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.

We are booked for February 14-21, 2009 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 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 nonrefundable deposit of \$500.00 in now to make sure you share all the fun!

AquaCat Live-Aboard

2 spots left!

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!

August Trip

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We are moving our August trip to the first week of the month. We are going.... but where. When we

Calendar

Date	Activity
Dec 6 th	Blue Ocean Divers Holiday Open House 2p.m. to 4 p.m.
Dec 20 th	DAN Basket drawing
Dec 25 th & 26 th	Blue Ocean Divers Closed for Christmas Holiday
Dec 28 th	Accelerated on-line PADI open water
December 31 st	Last day for free Pro Kit
December 31 st	Blue Ocean Divers will Close at 6 p.m.
January 1 st 2009	Happy New Year! Blue Ocean Divers will be closed
January 17 th 2009	PADI Equipment Specialty 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Feb 1 st 2009	PADI Open Water Diver
Feb 14-21, 2009	Sunset Waters, Curacao
May 2-9, 2009	AquaCat Live-aboard, Bahamas
August 1 - 8, 2009	Not Florida - Watch this space!!!

Store Hours

Monday – Friday Noon until 8:00 p.m.

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

Sunday Closed