

# BLUE OCEAN DIVERS

## NEWSLETTER

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### Welcome to November

Did you enjoy all the little ghosts and goblins this weekend? With Halloween over it means November is here and we have one last trip to Dutch Springs this coming weekend to complete our Open Water training year. Does this mean the local dive season is over for all but the few polar bears among us or it's time for your Drysuit Specialty!

Just because you are not a polar bear your diving experiences don't have to end. We will be offering opportunities through out the "cooler" months of the year for you to keep your love of diving growing. In the coming months look for pool parties, Fish and Critter ID classes to help you tell the difference between a Sargent Major and a Perch, Equipment clinics, First Aid (CPR, Rescue Breathing, AED, O2, Stings & Bites, etc.) and of course the smiling helpful faces of the Blue Ocean Divers staff.

Since the Christmas Trees are already up in some of the stores Don't forget about Blue Ocean Divers gift certificates for your diver who is impossible to buy for!

More importantly, let me extend from all of at Blue Ocean Divers, us a fond wish for a happy holiday season to one and all.

Good Diving,

Mach10

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### News from the Dive Center

#### Cool Videos from the web

If you are into playing on the web, here are a couple of videos that you might find interesting.

Want to know how a scuba cylinder is made? Check out this youtube video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qAgSU6BCpsY>

Want to see a regulator being made? Check out this youtube video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X885wEShGkE>

#### October Certifications

This month we were very busy with all kinds of classes. Look at all the folks who are learning and growing their dive skills. The following folks have earned new certifications.

##### *PADI Open Water Diver*

Adam K., Jett H., Mary Kate M., Ian H., Skylar P., Theofani B., James S., Amy S., Eddie F., Nikki B., Mathew L., Brandon B., Chris C., Thomas R., Bridget T., Lindsay R., Alexis V., Brent P.

##### *PADI Advanced Open Water*

John D., Max M., Jarred M., Jeff L., Tom F.

##### *PADI Rescue Diver*

Angela F., Angela G.

##### *PADI Drift Diver Specialty*

Mike B.

##### *PADI Boat Diver Specialty*

Mike B.

##### *PADI Digital Underwater Photographer*

Skylar G.

##### *PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor*

Steve C.

Congratulations to one and all.

### The Unknown Diver

Hello Divers,

If I remember my High School literature, Bill Shakespeare said "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet". About the same time I learned this, a popular T.V. show was "Sea Hunt". The star of the show was Mike Nelson who was a "Skin Diver". Lets fast forward about fifty years and discover, what's in a name.

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The year is now 2010. A "Skin Diver" is basically a snorkeler. A "SCUBA Diver", a name many associate with being a diver, can only dive with a professional diver. An "Open Water Diver" (used to be either of the afore mentioned) can dive without professional supervision, within some limits. Confused yet? Let me continue, but be prepared. "Ya ain't seen nothing yet". Here is my view of some diving certifications and the thoughts they may convey to the uninformed.

- ☹️ Open Water Diver - Can dive in a mud puddle? Water without a lid on it?
- ☹️ Dive Master. Now heres a title we can all appreciate as a diver with mastery of skills and tons of experience. Pretty close, but not as high in the pecking order as the remainder of my list.
- ☹️ Assistant Instructor. Not much glory here. Sounds like someone who stays after class to clean the black board and rearrange chairs.
- ☹️ Open Water Instructor. Do they only instruct the folks who dive in puddles or water without a lid?
- ☹️ Master Scuba Diver Trainer. Very nice title, but do they only train folks who will continue to need professional supervision?
- ☹️ Course Director. Sounds like the person on a cruise liner that arranges day excursions.

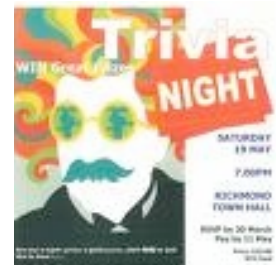
As usual I have injected an amount of sarcasm in this posting. However, the titles are a little confusing. The intent wasn't to disparage anyone with an advanced certification or position in the diving hierarchy. My opinion remains there there is plenty of room in the oceans, lakes and ponds for all of us regardless of rank or title. It's not the card in your logbook it's your love and passion for the sport.

Never Dive Over Your Head..  
"The Unknown Diver"

## 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 July are in the old dive hood and the name that popped out is Cletus Roediger. So Cletus, 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 Equipment Specialty

Whether it's a regulator problem, a wet suit tear or a broken mask strap, the Equipment Specialist course can help. This Specialty course prepares you for the basic equipment maintenance, care and adjustments you'll encounter every dive day. In addition, you'll get the valuable background on equipment repair and purchase, making you better able to protect your investment.

During your PADI Equipment Specialist program, you'll familiarize yourself with the operation and maintenance of your personal equipment. Your instructor might also provide the opportunity to review new or unfamiliar dive equipment. The program is not an equipment repair program but it does give you:

- \* Theory, principles and operation of dive equipment
- \* Routine recommended care and maintenance procedures

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- \* Common problems with equipment and recommended professional maintenance procedures
- \* Simple suggestions for comfortable equipment configurations and an introduction to new equipment

### Dive Shop Specials

#### Gift Registry

Planning your list to help Santa? Blue Ocean Divers can help. Once again we are offering Holiday Gift registration. All you do is come in and complete the list of things your dive locker needs and then friends and family can get you the exact item, (size & color) they will make your day.

#### Special Sale items

Blue Ocean Divers have the following items in stock on sale with some really great savings. Sale prices are good for in-stock items only.

	Item	Manufacture	Model	Size	MSRP	Sale Price	
<b>*Used</b>	BCD	Aqualung	Pro	Lg	\$565.00	<b>\$1,299.00</b>	40% off
	Regulator	Aqualung	Legend		\$655.00		
	Octopus	Aqualung	Legend		\$220.00		
	Computer	Sunnto	Cobra		\$725.00		
<b>Package</b>	Regulator	Sherwood	SR1+		\$650.00	<b>\$1,620.50</b>	30% off
	Octopus	Sherwood	SRI		\$220.00		
	Computer	Sherwood	Wisdom		\$895.00		
	BCD	Sherwood	Avid	M&L	\$550.00		
	Regulator	Apex	XTX-20		\$420.00	<b>\$650.00</b>	Almost 23%
	Octopus	Apex	Egress Octo		\$175.00		
	Console	Aqualung	Sunnto Analog Gauges		\$245.00		
<b>Holiday Fair</b>	Christmas Tree Scuba Sar		Glass			\$15.00	
	Christmas Tree Scuba Sar		Resin			\$10.99	
	Scuba Wine Glasses		Hand Painted			\$10 per glass	

\*The used equipment has been Mach10's and very gently used. Before it is sold it will be completely serviced and will have the 1<sup>st</sup> year annual service completely free.

All packages include Blue Ocean Divers 1<sup>st</sup> annual service free provided it is brought in 1 year after purchase +/- 1 month.

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### Diving Opportunities

#### Join us on Grand Cayman at Cobalt Coast

We have the details and it's going to be a GREAT trip. We have 1 bedroom suites and a ocean front room still available that include 3 meals a day, 6, 2 tank boat dives, unlimited shore diving & transfers to and from the Grand Cayman airport. This trip is 8 days, 7 nights and 6 days of diving. It will be April 9<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>. This trip does not include airfare. We have found direct flights from Newark to Grand Cayman for under \$400 round trip per person.

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.

We only have 2 of the 16 slots left for you to sign-up and have the time of your life diving in Grand Cayman.



### Calendar

November 2	Election Day - Don't forget to VOTE
November 6 - 7	Last Dutch Certification Weekend
November 7	End of Day Light savings time
November 11	Veteran's Day - Say thank you to the men & women in uniform
November 13	Equipment Specialty
November 17 - 20	DEMA in Las Vegas
November 25	Happy Turkey Day! <b>Blue Ocean Divers will be Closed</b>
December 4	Emergency First Responder
December 18	D.A.N Oxygen Provider
December 25	Santa's BIG day <b>Blue Ocean Divers will be Closed</b>

### Store Hours

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