

BLUE OCEAN DIVERS

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WELCOME TO OUR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Hi Everyone. With November here, the local dive season is all but over except for those brave souls with a drysuit or with Woolly Mammoth blood coursing their veins to keep them warm. No Woolly Mammoth blood? Checkout our PADI Drysuit specialty. We even have rental drysuits for your use.

If you are reading this in the first week of November I'm in the "Land of Mickey" attending the worldwide scuba trade show called DEMA. I will be choosing dive trip destinations while there. I'll also be looking for all the latest and greatest innovations in dive equipment.

Checkout the Educational Opportunities section and see all the folks that are now part of the family of PADI Divers.

Did you know that 10 years ago this month Blue Ocean Divers opened their doors for the very first time? It seems like only yesterday that we were doting the "I's" and crossing the "T's" as we finalized all the legal documents that created Blue Ocean Divers.

Over these 10 years Patti and I have made some very good friends and met some VERY interesting characters. (Do you remember the leather and silver outfit from BTS?) I wouldn't trade those years for anything. Thank you one and all for your friendship, trust, support and business all these very short years. Blue Ocean Divers will continue to be your premier dive center serving the Southern Tier.

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News from the Dive Center

[Support the Ban on Shark Finning](#)

Join the coalition against the wasteful practice of Shark Finning. Go to <https://www.projectaware.org/english/templates/news.aspx?id=3951> and sign the Spanish petition to close Spain's loopholes permitting shark finning.

Blue Ocean Divers Open House

Join the dive center staff as we celebrate our 10 years of successfully providing Southern Tier divers what they need and want in Education, Equipment and travel. We will have family drinks and snacks for all that come by and say hi and share a dive story. We will also have one day specials on select in-stock wetsuits and in-stock dive computers. Plan now to join our celebration December 4th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Unknown Diver

Hello Divers

Lately I have been somewhat negligent of my duties filling this space. For a host of different reasons I have missed some deadlines. On one occasion I donated the space to a new B.O.D. instructor. That being said, I set a precedent. This month will be filled by another new B.O.D. instructor. Louise M. has this to offer...

Hi Folks..

Wow. It has been a year since I completed my IDC and I/E and what a year it has been! My first open water class was co-taught with someone I have been associated with for more years that I would care to admit. The class went well and all of the students went on to become divers. It was a huge milestone in my diving experience. I must say though, my favorite "Cert" was a young man I enrolled for an Open Water course at the dive center. I also facilitated his class room and confined water training. Even better, I conducted his open water dives and signed his Open Water Diver certification! It was really rewarding to accompany him from his first walk through the dive shop door to certified diver.

As cool as that was, let me tell you what really impresses me. It's the team work displayed from the staff at this dive center. As a new instructor I welcome the mentoring from the "Old" veteran instructors, and I can't say enough about the support of Assistant Instructors and Dive Masters. My latest open water certification dives were a prime example of the cooperation from the B.O.D. staff on a cold rainy weekend. Tom, Debbie, John, Jim, Mike. THANK YOU! If this epistle sounds like a testament to the staff at the last session, let me set the stage. All of the staff at BOD are equally committed. This is my Thanksgiving thought. Thank you Blue Ocean Divers, students and staff.

Louise Mosher
PADI O.W.I 172711

Tug here... What can I say after that..Just this.

Never Dive Over Your Head
"The Unknown Diver"

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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 Paul Leatso. So Paul, 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

Look Who Joined Our Dive Family Last Month

New PADI Open Water Divers		New PADI Advanced Open Water Divers
Anthony D.	Lori S.	Patricia B.
Cedrick M.	Matthew G.	Schuyler, D.
Charles C.	Matthew L.	Brian D.
Chris M.	Michelle, Z.	Catherine F.
Gene N.	Paul L.	Aimee H.
Hannah P.	Pouyan D.	Howard L.
Jaclyn D.	Raoul K.	Leo R.
John B.	Ryan N.	Jeremy S.
Kaitlyn A.	Shanna, T.	Ann U.
	Vasile, T.	

Emergency First Response



If one of your loved ones suffered a heart attack, would you be able to provide CPR and rescue breathing until EMS arrived? If an AED were available, would you have the confidence to employ it? What if you came upon a car with downed power lines covering it, would you know what to do? Plan now to attend our Emergency First Response class scheduled for **November 14th**. This training is open to divers and non-divers alike. The course covers everything from basic first aid, CPR, rescue breathing, AED use, care for heart attack victims, cuts and bleeding, strokes, bone fractures and much more. Initial training is \$95 plus training materials.

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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.

Bob Hamilton
PADI / DAN Instructor
NYS EMT

Travel

We started this summer focusing on dive sites in the St Lawrence River. For the next few months my focus will be on Atlantic and Caribbean Island locations.

Bermuda Diving

There's something unique about diving wrecks. Sure, navigating coral reefs and swimming amongst colorful schools of fish is fine for a while but the novelty soon wears off. Wrecks on the other hand are a visual reminder of the fragile relationship between man and nature and the battles that have raged between them. Welcome to Bermuda; the undisputed world heavyweight champion of wreck diving.

It's somewhat ironic that many visit to dive [Bermuda's wrecks](#). The island was first colonized as a result of Sir George Somers' ill-fated *Sea Venture* floundering on the reefs in 1609. Since then more than 400 vessels have made Bermuda their final port of call. Many serve as physical reminders of the island's [history](#); the *Montana* and the *Marie Celeste* were Confederate blockade runners during the US Civil War. The island owes much of its early prosperity to its trade in munitions with the desperate South. Others have inspired; the *Constellation* was the basis of Peter Benchley's novel *The Deep*. Most are in shallow waters and easily accessible.

Bermuda's reefs are the northernmost in the Atlantic. Warmed by the waters of the Gulf Stream the ocean life is surprisingly similar to that in the Caribbean. The water also boasts excellent visibility; up to 200 ft in winter and around 100 ft in summer. Water temperatures in winter average around 68 F and 81 F in summer. However, those who can stand the cooler winter temperatures will benefit from substantial discounts on hotels.

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Diving and Whale Watching in Dominica

Over the past few years, Dominica has earned the reputation as one of the top five dive destinations in the world. In addition to unique dive sites like "Champagne" which features a bubbling, underwater hot spring, Dominica's reefs are full of gorgeous multi-colored hard and soft coral, an abundance of reef fish and fascinating marine critters such as seahorses and frogfish.

The underwater terrain is unique and diverse, providing dive sites suitable for all skill levels, from beginner to the very experienced.

Dominica has also earned another moniker - the Whale Watching Capital of the Caribbean.

Its unique underwater terrain and coastal structure make Dominica an ideal environment to watch Sperm Whales socialize, mate and calve, as well as to see many other types of whales: Pilot, Pygmy, and False Killer to name a few. Spinner Dolphin, Spotted Dolphin and Bottlenose Dolphin are also regular residents of our waters. Chances of seeing these fantastic creatures on a whale watching trip in Dominica are excellent. .

Bob Hamilton

Calendar

Date	Activity
November 2009	10 year anniversary of Blue Ocean Divers
November 4 - 7	DEMA, Orlando, FL
November 14	Emergency First Responder
November 26	Thanksgiving Day - Blue Ocean Divers will be closed
December 4	Blue Ocean Divers Open House 6 - 8 p.m.
December 5	PADI Equipment Specialty
December 25	Christmas Day - Scuba Santa is coming!

Store Hours

Monday – Friday Noon until 8:00 p.m.

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

Sunday Closed