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WELCOME TO OUR AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Hi Everyone. Here it is August and I don't even feel like we have had Spring yet. This has to be one of the coolest summers I can remember here in the Southern Tier. Has the weather kept you from diving this summer? Maybe it's time for a drysuit course? We were just up on the St. Lawrence River diving and the water was 69 degrees. A 5mm with hooded vest was OK but my drysuit was nice and warm and toasty! Happy Diving,

Have you found us on Facebook yet? I'm trying to get current events posted along with breaking news. Check us out, look for user name Blue Ocean Divers, and see all the timely happenings.

Checkout the reports from a great [St. Lawrence Wreck](#) dive & our [Roatan](#) trip.

Mach10 Mike

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News from the Dive Center

Have you seen our updated Website?

It may not look all that different to you but the updates will go much faster and now that it is database driven the data will be consistent. We have the "Contact Us" form fixed and have cleaned up several other little problems that have been dogging us for some time.

Take a walk through our website and let us know what you like and what still needs a little work. I'm looking forward to faster updates and maybe more frequent updates.

We have doubles to Rent

Calling all experienced divers wanting more bottom time. Blue Ocean Divers now rents doubles. We have high pressure steel 100s and low pressure steel 85s. If you're tired of changing out tanks every dive or having to surface earlier than everyone less maybe it's time to get into doubles to expand your air supply.

Dutch Springs Fun & Sherwood Demo day

August 22nd Sherwood, Genesis, Akona, Henderson & Princeton Tec is having a Demo Day at Dutch Springs. Blue Ocean Divers is adding to the day. Besides having that weekend as an Open Water certification weekend we are having a come and dive or fun day! Blue Ocean Divers will bring the hotdogs, hamburgers and water; you bring your gear and a desire to have fun. If it's been awhile since your last bubble blowing you can dive with a Blue Ocean Divers' staff member. If you want to see the latest in gear from the above manufacturers, you can do that too. Sign up at the dive center so we know how much food to bring.

P.S. Since it is an Open Water weekend, our open water students will have first rights to our rental equipment.

DEMO DAY
Dutch Springs
August 22

Princeton Tec **SeaLife**
waterproof • rugged cameras

HENDERSON

Second Annual Sherwood,
Genesis, Akona, Henderson,
SeaLife and Princeton Tec Demo Day!

SHERWOOD SCUBA

Join us for two days of SR1s, Hyperstretch 2s,
DC1000s, and Shockwave LEDs as they grace
the waters of Dutch Springs! Bring yourself, bring
a friend, have some food, but most importantly: try
some gear! Each vendor will have Representatives on
site to help outfit each diver, lend out equipment, and
answer any questions you may have. There is no cost
associated with demoing gear and food/drink will be
available throughout the weekend.

GENESIS

AKONA
DIVERSITY DIVERS

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The Unknown Diver

After years of nagging from my significant other I finally took the first step in renovating the "old dry dock". Not having the disposable cash of a Phil Gates or Donald Krump, I opted to find a bargain contractor. A friend of a friend, knows a guy, whose cousins neighbors' barbers' nephew is a handyman and works cheap. Sounded good to me, and how could anyone beat those credentials! Needless to say I jumped on this tip and struck a deal. To date the fellow has showed up less than fifty percent of the time. While the work is up to standards, at the rate of production I will be in an old folks home before my current residence is refurbished. So add my name to a long list of people with contractor complaints. Does this have anything to do with diving? Perhaps so. Let me share some experiences and thoughts.

I know a diver that enrolled in a specialty course, completed the requirements but never received certification from the instructor. A post mortem of the situation revealed the instructor did not hold all the credentials to teach and certify. In this case one could claim fraud. The "instructor" knew in advance they could not fulfill the contract. I don't think my part time handy man is scamming me. I would submit he might be over his head. That being said, and at the risk of overstating my forgiving ways lets get back to diving.

The instructors and staff at Blue Ocean Divers are fully accredited to teach and certify any PADI experience. In addition they are most flexible to accommodate your schedule. At B.O.D. the credo is ..." You want to dive? Lets dive now". It may be possible to find a "cheaper" dive center. It would be a real challenge to find a better value. For my money and schedule.. Fins down its Blue Ocean Divers, anytime, every time.

Dive Safe, Dive More Often
But Never Dive Over Your Head
"The Unknown Diver"

P.S.

It has been a while since I shared the latest news from my friends Divemaster Earl and his wife Sweetie. Get a load of this. Seems like the two lovebirds attended a marriage counseling / improvement / tolerance seminar. The facilitator suggested an improvement in relations if the couples really understood what things were important to each other. He offered a challenge to the husbands. "Can you name your wife's favorite flower?" Earl whispered in Sweeties ear.. "It's Pillsbury's Gold Medal"... Earl is spending a lot of time in his garage now.

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 Margery Bradshaw. So Margery, 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.

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Educational Opportunities

PADI Open Water Diver

Do you have a friend that you would like to see as your new dive buddy? Are they seeing all the fun you are having diving? Are they looking for something that will provide warm sunny thoughts? Enroll them now in our next PADI Open Water Diver course starting August 25th.

PADI Specialty of the month for August



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

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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

Equipment Specials

Mares Nemo Computer Recall

Please be informed that Mares have discovered a quality issue on the O-ring assembled on the Nemo Air Quick Connector.

Under certain circumstances the O-ring can fail and consequently Nemo Air may start leaking through the Quick Connector. As a result, there is a continuous, albeit slow, loss of breathing gas. This situation could potentially lead to an accident, hence Mares has decided to issue a product recall. The solution already exists in the form of an O-ring of different material and hardness which can be retrofitted onto the Quick Connector of your current Nemo Air.

Please note that the event of an uncontrolled loss of breathing gas from the high pressure hose is regulated by the EN250 Norm, which requires a 0.3mm opening in the high pressure fitting. As a result, the loss of breathing gas is very slow and a diver should always be able to complete a dive safely,

FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY AND TO AVOID POSSIBLE DANGEROUS ACCIDENTS: STOP DIVING WITH A QUICK CONNECTOR SUBJECT TO THIS RECALL UNTIL THE EXISTING O-RING IS REMOVED AND SUBSTITUTED WITH THE NEW ONE.

Affected products and codes are:

414158 – DIVE COMPUTER NEMO AIR
414159 - DIVE COMPUTER NEMO AIR W/COMPASS NO

Please bring your NEMO COMPUTER TO Blue Ocean Divers to schedule the replacement of the o-ring in your quick connector.

In-stock Cochran Computers on sale

Are you looking or a good wrist mount computer? Quick and to the point - All in-stock Cochran computers are 30% off. We also have a couple of rental Cochran computers that are even more affordable. You have to see Mike for the deal on the rental computers.

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Sherwood BCD Trade-In



The image is a promotional graphic for a Sherwood BCD trade-in. On the left, there is a black and blue BCD (Buoyancy Control Device) with a regulator. To the right, a yellow banner contains the text "TRADE-IN YOUR BC" in large, bold, black letters. Below this, in red, it says "SAVE UP TO \$190.00". Further down, in black text, it says "GIVE US YOUR OLD BC ANY BRAND • ANY AGE • ANY CONDITION BUY A **SHERWOOD CQR-2 BC** FOR **ONLY \$399⁹⁵**". Below this, it says "Choose any one of our Five Models Avid, Axis, Luna, Solaris, Tortuga". At the bottom, in small black text, it says "Offer good July 15 through August 31, 2009 on the purchase of a Sherwood CQR-2 BC. Only at participating Sherwood Scuba Authorized Dealers. Discount price is valid in the U.S. only."

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Travel

Dutch Day

Has it been a while since you last dive? With the late start of our local summer weather, are your dive skills feeling a little rusty? Are you looking for an opportunity to dive at a site with which you have some familiarity? Would you like a little support to help you dust the cobwebs off your dive skills?

Come with Blue Ocean Divers to Dutch Springs on August 22nd and enjoy a day of diving with the staff of Blue Ocean Divers. We'll have hotdogs, hamburgers, chips and water. As you can see we've picked the date to coincide with the Sherwood Demo Day. You can not only dust off the diving cobwebs but also checkout the Sherwood, Genesis, Akona, Henderson and Princeton Tec products for yourself!

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St. Lawrence River



Our trips in 2009 will be with Abucs Scuba. Included in this relaxing and fun weekend is 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. The [calendar](#) has all the dates. So mark **your** calendar NOW and don't miss a minute of the fun! The St. Lawrence River has been named the best fresh water dive destination in the USA. And the "River" is right here in our own backyard! Come and dive the St. Lawrence River with Blue Ocean Divers and Abucs Scuba.

THE HENRY C. DARYAW

By The Flying Dutchman

The Henry C. Daryaw sports a large gash on her starboard side when on November 21, 1941 she struck a shoal. The ship's mechanic went down with the ship when the cables holding her on the shoal broke. As she slipped off the shoal she flipped upside down. The Daryaw lies upside down bow into the current, wedged in a 90' deep valley between Union Park Shoal and Cole Shoal just upstream of the Five Mile Light. The current can be fairly strong over the wreck requiring you to pull yourself down the line to the wreck and exiting the same way. Have a contingency plan in place in case you do get blown off the wreck. This is not a dive for novice divers.

The Henry C. Daryaw is a steel freighter 219' x 35' x 13' built in France as the bulk freighter in 1919. In 1923 her owners converted her to a combination bulk and package freighter in Montreal and renamed Oakbay. A small irony, her final resting place ends up to be directly across the river from Oak Point, NY. In 1935 she was fitted with a crane and renamed the Henry C. Daryaw, by Captain Henry Daryaw.

It was Henry Daryaw at the helm of his namesake, who used a shoal to carve his final mark into the hull on November 21, 1941. All hands, with the exception of the ship's mechanic, were able to make it safely ashore. There are those who believe the wreck is haunted by the mechanic to this day. Odd things are reported to happen by even the most qualified divers as they penetrate this wreck.

August Trip Report from Roatan

I'm sure you noticed that this newsletter is a little late. It's tardiness is due to our trip to Bay Island Beach Resort. I'm finishing the newsletter sitting here at the resort on the last full day on the island.

WHAT A WEEK. We have had a week of very good weather and even better diving. We were lucky enough to see turtles, eels, crabs, bat fish, sharks and even dolphins in the wild. The hammocks are a wonderful place to go after lunch for an early afternoon nap. They wrap around you in a very comforting body hug and allure you off to sleep. After your short nap you are ready for your 3rd boat dive of the day and your next shore dive after that.

The food was great. It had a nice island bent yet based in the comfortable food we are all fond of. What a nice week. We even enjoyed the crab races that raised money for the local schools. So we not only had a wonderful vacation, we also fulfilled a civic duty.

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Calendar

Date	Activity
August 1 - 8	Bay Island Beach Resort, Roatan
August 15	Seneca Boat Dives - Every Sunday for the rest of the summer
August 22	PADI EAN course @ Dutch Springs
August 22	Demo day at Dutch Springs
August 22	Blue Ocean Divers Fun Dive Day
August 22 - 23	Dutch Springs Open Water weekend
October 3 - 4	Dutch Springs Open Water weekend
October 24 - 25	Dutch Springs Open Water weekend
August 15 - 16	St. Lawrence River trip with Abucs Scuba (Technical, lite)
September 5 - 6	St. Lawrence River trip with Abucs Scuba
October 17 - 18	St. Lawrence River trip with Abucs Scuba
November 4 - 7	DEMA, Orlando, FL

Store Hours

Monday – Friday Noon until 8:00 p.m.

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

Sunday Closed