

BLUE OCEAN DIVERS

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WELCOME TO OUR JUNE NEWSLETTER

I can't believe that a month has already gone by. Here it is June and our first St. Lawrence trip is but two (2) weeks away, June 13th and 14th. Are you ready for a weekend to get away from it all and just relax and forget the stresses of the work week? Then you are ready to dive the St. Lawrence River!

Need a dive or two to bring your scuba skills back to life? How about a fun 2 tank boat dive on Seneca?

Have you ever wondered what it is like to take a caribbean dive vacation? Join us for a fun night sharing videos and memories from our last trip aboard the AquaCat. You can talk to other folks that went on the trip (not just staff) and see if that kind of vacation is for you and your family. We will be at the Lodge in Gander Mountain Friday evening June 12th from 7:30 until 9 pm.

Calling all Rescue Divers! Are you looking for a challenge? Come to Blue Ocean Divers on June 11th and see if becoming a PADI Divemaster is for you.

We have great opportunities for equipment updates. You can save \$150 on the SR1 from Sherwood, we have the new Henderson H2 wetsuits in-stock, and Aqualung is continuing their \$100 instant rebate on any regulator over \$500. Come in and checkout all this great equipment.

As a post script I wish to apologize for the poor grammar of the last newsletter. Old Mach10 needed a couple of 48 hour days as the calendar moved from April to May. I trust you will find this edition easier to read.

Happy Diving,

Mach10 Mike

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News from the Dive Center

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.

Scuba Challenge...

Our final Scuba Challenge was May 15th and for those of you who were not there you missed out on trying doubles and yes, fully closed circuit rebreathers. The comments from the participants ranged from; "Wow doubles are not as bulky as they look", "I can't believe how quiet a rebreather is" and "buoyancy on a rebreather is totally different".

Our next scuba challenge series will be starting in the fall once the local water chills.

Trivia Contest



The May Trivia was a gag. I'm surprised on how many of you kept guessing until they got both answers to reply as correct. So everyone that was persistent gets their name put in the old dive hood. And the name that comes out is Jason Tingley. So Jason, 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 Divemaster

Calling all Rescue Divers. Are you looking for your next challenge? Would you like the opportunity to share your passion for diving with others? Do you like working with others and helping them grow and learn? Come to Blue Ocean Divers June 11th at 6:30 p.m. and find out what it takes to become a PADI Divemaster.

This is an informational meeting with no obligation on your part. Come and talk to current divemasters and learn what their benefits, challenges and rewards are as divemasters.

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 July 14th.

Our is June class is going strong and the July class is filling. Enroll them today in our PADI Open Water diver course starting Tuesday, July 14th before time gets away from you.

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Equipment Specials

TOP PICK FOR 2008
Scuba Diving Magazine, December 2008



SR¹ Yours for \$499.⁹⁵

SAVE UP TO \$150.⁰⁰

Trade in your old regulator.
Any brand. Any condition. It doesn't matter.
Purchase the high performance SR¹ for only **\$499.⁹⁵**

Offer good May 15 through June 30, 2009 on the purchase of the SR¹ Regulator (\$881.000). Only at participating Sherwood Scuba Authorized Dealers. Discount price is valid in the U.S. only.

Trade-up to a Sherwood SR1

Are you diving the same life support regulator you started your diving career with way back when you were young and had a full head of hair? Is it time for an upgrade? Blue Ocean Divers has the solution for you! Trade in your old (serviced or not) regulator and get a new high performance Sherwood SR1 and save \$150. This is a limited time offer and come July 1st it will be over. So as we start the local dive season what better way to kick it off than to start with a new regulator that breathes easier than sitting in your favorite chair watching shark week!

Henderson H2 Wetsuits in stock!

AS SEEN IN **SCUBA** MAGAZINE
D I V I N G June 2009

LAB RESULTS

HENDERSON H2 TITANIUM

SPECIFICATIONS
Inherent Buoyancy <1 lbs.
Seals 360 degree neck, wrist / Skin2Skin zipper
Seams Glued and blind-stitched
Zipper Metal slider
Sizes 12 men's, 10 women's
Price \$358
hendersonusa.com

FEATURES
The exclusive 250-percent-stretch neoprene has a new pill-resistant Aquasilk lining that's both durable and comfortable. The suit comes with lumbar padding and abrasion-resistant kneepads made from Duratex fabric. Double-glued and blind-stitched seams are reinforced, and a rolled, smooth-skin neck seal offers 360-degree coverage. Wrist seals are of a similar design, while ankles come with water-blocking nylon gussets and adjustable flaps. The ultrastretch neoprene conforms to body curves, but no ballooning occurs. Seams are watertight, and only minimal seepage was detected. The ankle cuffs offer easy entry and the zipper-track edges create an effective self-sealing system that doubles as a spine pad.

Pros Lots of stretch » comfortable
» excellent sealing system
Cons Pricey



SCUBALAB 2009 TESTERS' CHOICE

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY



Bottom Line A bit pricey, but you can clearly see what you're paying for. This is a top-of-the-line suit in all respects.

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Aqualung Gear up and GO!

With your purchase of a qualifying BC, regulator and computer, you can...

- ✓ Save up to **\$1,550** in [Wakatobi*](#)
- ✓ Save up to **\$1,200** in [Palau*](#)
- ✓ Save up to **\$980** in [Grand Cayman*](#)
- ✓ Save up to **\$850** in [Bahamas*](#)

Already purchased your Aqua Lung dive package? Click [here](#) for your voucher submission form.

Program details:

- No blackout dates; subject to resort/dive operator availability.
- A minimum stay requirement may apply; contact participating destinations for detail and travel arrangements.
- Offer ends 8/31/09
- You must register at www.aqualung.com/gear_up_and_go to receive voucher
- Voucher must be redeemed within one (1) year of purchase.
- To receive voucher, from and receipt must be post marked by 9/30/09.
- BC, regulator and computer must be purchased at the same time

Aqualung Instant Rebate

This is a very simple program. Buy any Aqualung regulator with a MSRP of more than \$500 and get an instant \$100 off your purchase. No forms to fill out, no UPC codes to cut and send in, just come in, buy your regulator, get your instant rebate and go dive. It's just that simple. Come and see Blue Ocean Divers for your instant savings.

The Unknown Diver

Hello Divers

As Mike covered in this space last month I missed my May posting due to a series of non productive walks through the woods. I am quickly learning the value of Begmans or Prize Chopper for securing table fare. While I was unsuccessful in finding fowl for the freezer, I did share some laughs with two very good friends. I am always amazed and entertained by the array of gear, gadgets and gizmos they carry on a half day hunt. Game calls, decoys, bipods, binoculars, canteen, camouflaged seat cushions, and that's only what's clipped on to the outside of them. I can only wonder what they might have in any of the dozens of pockets in their vests. By now you must be thinking, what does any of this have to do with SCUBA Diving? As always I will eventually get to the point.

There is no question that diving requires a fair amount of very specialized equipment. The barest of bones diver would need at least; Mask, Fins, Snorkel, BCD, Tank, Regulator, Compass, Watch and SPG. Now let's list some optional equipment. Dive Computer, Knife or Scissors, Slate, Signal Devices, Camera, Lift Bag, Reels, Dive Flag, Pony Bottle, Weight System, Exposure Suit, Dive Lights, Goodybag, Spear Gun, etc. Starting to get the picture? Much like my two hunting companions, it would be very easy for divers to hang a host of various do-dads and thing-a-ma-bobs off us. I believe the "old timers" used to call it "Christmas Tree Divers". To be sure the above list contains items that can enhance the safety and enjoyment of a dive. The key is to properly carry and secure our gear. As Open Water Divers we learned proper positioning for our alternate air and gauge console but what about the rest of this equipment?

Here are some of my thoughts. Dive computers can be worn on the wrist or included in the SPG/ Compass console, no issue here. While a dive knife looks pretty sporty strapped to the leg, it may interfere with successfully ditching a weight belt. I would opt to carry a smaller tool attached to your BCD shoulder strap or a pair of scissors

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(in some type of case) carried in or clipped to your BCD. Some slates can be attached to your forearm. A word of caution here, for smaller divers it might not snug up enough to prevent losing it. If you are not the Incredible Hulk type, use one that be carried in a pocket. Most BCD's have either Velcro or zippered pockets that can be used for lots of things. I carry a safety sausage in my left pocket. It is attached to a signal mirror and a whistle. All out of the way but quickly accessible.

I have often carried a camera in my right pocket. I find that pretty handy for securing the unit during entry and exit. I have even detached the strobe and stored it in a pocket. There is always enough time to reassemble while waiting on the bottom for your Buddy or Divemaster. During the safety stop I disassemble and store it back in my BCD. Dive lights can be attached with a host of various lanyards keeping them close and out of harms way. I haven't figured out where to carry a spear gun yet but that is not a problem. They are illegal in most places and I don't have one anyway. I am working on an under water sling shot but I will cover that another time. A final thought, carry your accessories in the same place all the time. Not only will you not fumble around trying to find it, you will be more likely to carry the equipment on every dive. Dive safe, Dive more often, BUT..

Never Dive Over Your Head,

"The Unknown Diver"

Travel

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.

Links to St. Lawrence Dive Site Information

Gas prices are MUCH lower that last year. 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_articles.html and see what there is to explore in the St. Lawrence River! Our calendar has the dates for our next trip with ABUCS Scuba in Brockville Canada.

Warm-water Dive Trips

August Trip

We moved our August trip to the first week of the month. We are going to Bay Island Beach Resort in Roatan. Our trip includes 5 days of 2 morning boat dives, a daily afternoon boat dive, 1 night boat dive, unlimited shore diving and 3 meals daily. We filled our rooms but there is still room at the resort for last minute additions. Check our website [Excursions](#) page or call for all the details.

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Calendar

Date	Activity
June 2 nd	PADI Open Water Class starts
June 7 th	Seneca - Sunday Morning 2-tank boat dive
June 11 th	Divemaster Overview
June 12	AquaCat Post Trip Party @ The Lodge in Gander Mountain
June 19 - 21	Open Circuit Technical Training with Jim
July 6 th - 9 th	PADI Seal Camp with the YMCA
July 13 th - 16 th	PADI Seal Camp with the YMCA
July 20 th - 23 rd	PADI Seal Camp with the YMCA
August 1 st - 8 th	Bay Island Beach Resort, Roatan
July 11 - 12	Dutch Springs Open Water weekend
August 22 - 23	Dutch Springs Open Water weekend
October 3 - 4	Dutch Springs Open Water weekend
October 24 - 25	Dutch Springs Open Water weekend
June 13 - 14	St. Lawrence River trip with Abucs Scuba
July 4 - 5	St. Lawrence River trip with Abucs Scuba
July 25 - 26	St. Lawrence River trip with Abucs Scuba
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