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Welcome

Happy Holidays from Blue Ocean Divers! It is the time of year for family and reflection. Blue Ocean Divers has reached more folks this year and introduce them to the wonders of the underwater world. We have grown and learned from each other. We hope to continue that learning with you and support your diving needs as your dive center of choice in 2008. Enjoy the holiday season. If you are looking for a new or different New Year's resolution may I suggest that you resolve to dive more in 2008! I know that will be my New Year's resolution.

Happenings

Scuba Challenge

On Sunday December 2nd Blue Ocean Divers is issuing a scuba challenge! Sign-up and come to the YMCA pool to show off and/or learn more about underwater photography. This first challenge will be an underwater photography challenge. Bring your own or use one of ours for a fun underwater photography experience.

Are You Ready For The Holidays?

It's already December 1st. The night for the big guy in the red suit is just around the corner. Holiday parties are being planned. Our Snorkel with Santa is scheduled for December 14th and it will be here before you know it. ARE YOU READY? No you say? Well, Blue Ocean Divers to the rescue. We have a gift registry that will allow you to identify exactly what you want right down to color and size. Just looking to help the family with some stocking stuffers? We have all the stocking stuffers a diver could want. Stop by and start your registry page today!

Curacao is filling fast!

Are you ready to go to Curacao? We have a very limited number of positions left before we start looking for more rooms and airfare! Remember, Sunset Waters announced a special package price that includes all of the usual goodies plus fee **Nitrox**. Are coming to Curacao and not Nitrox certified? Blue Ocean Divers will hold a special PADI Nitrox specialty class for Curacao guests for just the price of training materials. You save \$100 on your Nitrox certification! Checkout the Curacao Trip in the [Travel Section](#) for all the details.

My Most Memorable Dive

Ok, where are you budding Hemmingways? Don't you want 15 minutes of fame? Take 15 minutes and jot down your memories of a favorite dive and become part of the Blue Ocean Divers. All it needs to be is 2 – 3 paragraphs and you'll be a published author!

The Unknown Diver

Hello Divers,

After finishing yet another of my unsuccessful journeys to the Keystone State in pursuit of venison, it occurred to me why I should have went diving. The ocean ain't posted! Those of you who own land in the



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country or hunt, fish, hike, snowmobile or ride ATV's will understand the term "POSTED". To the rest "posting" is the act of putting up 12"x12" yellow or orange signs stating that all of the afore mentioned activities are prohibited. My estimate that approximately 98.935% of the land is "posted". The remaining acreage is either owned by the state and is as barren as the surface of the moon or is in the process of being paved to become the parking lot for the next Walmart. (no trade mark infringement here).

Thank God the Ocean has been privatized yet. I can only imagine what the signs along the shore would advise.

No Swimming, Snorkeling, Scuba or Free Diving! The use of underwater propulsion vehicles is strictly prohibited. Violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Boat mooring is for the private use of the Gates/Bush/Turner Corporation. Unauthorized watercraft will be sunk at the owners expense.

If I could add just one more thing to last months list of things to be thankful for it would be our oceans and lakes. We still have free access to explore and enjoy. Lets not waste that opportunity. When the weather warms I hope to see you on the bottom. In the mean time Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Never dive over your head

"The Unknown Diver"

Training & Equipment at Blue Ocean Divers

Why Buy your kit at Blue Ocean Divers

First year annual service free

Personal attention and support in selecting your equipment

Training in the proper use of your new equipment

We assemble and check your equipment

Full Manufacture's warranties on all new products purchased

Ability to touch, look and try-on before you buy

On-site support to handle warranty and returns

On-site service/repair

Training on how to use your new equipment

- Free use of rental equipment if service is not able to be completed when needed

Do you need a Fleece?

Get a Blue Ocean Divers' fleece to keep you warm and comfortable as the temperatures drop. Elegantly show that you are a diver with this very comfortable pull-over fleece. While supplies last they are 25% off.

Nitrox Certification

Are you coming to Curacao with us? With Nitrox offered free for the week, Blue Ocean Divers is offering PADI Nitrox certification for free. You just have to buy the training supplies. That's a \$100 savings. What are you waiting for?

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The Kid's Corner

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 lots of 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.

Trivia Contest

When you looked at the questions, did you get them both correct? Did you include both your first and last name? If you forget to fill in your name we can't pull your name out of the old dive hood! Many of you participated and did get both of them correct. Well, the names are in the old dive hood and the name is... Mike Ballas. Mike only got one of the answers correct and still was lucky enough to be pulled from the old dive hood! So Mike, come on in to Blue Ocean Divers and pick up your tee-shirt.

You will have the opportunity to answer 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.

Travel

Fantasy Island in Roatan



Did you see The Worlds Best Diving & Resorts issue of Sport Diver? If you did you saw the write up for Fantasy Island on Roatan and we are going to enjoy all the fun! Our trip to Roatan will be from February 16th through the 23rd of 2008. We will be staying at Fantasy Island, which has great shore diving! There is wreck and reef right off of their gazebo! We will have 8 days, 7 nights, 6 days of 3-tank boat dives, one night dive and unlimited shore diving. Of course tanks and weights are included. Nitrox is available

for an additional expense. The package includes 3 meals daily.

We are changing airports! We will fly nonstop from Newark to Roatan. So travel will be EASY!! Now the good news, you can join us on this fun fill week for only \$1,950 double diver. A non-refundable deposit of \$300 will hold your spot.

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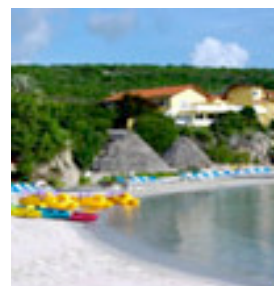
Sunset Waters in Curacao

We always have such a grand time here I had to book this trip again! This time we will be in Curacao from April 12th through the 19th. The only reasonable airfare was with Air Jamaica out of Philadelphia. This year's trip will be a \$2,200 per person double diver.

This trip will include airfare from Philadelphia to Curacao and return, 8 days, 7 nights with 6 days of 2 tank boat dives and unlimited shore diving. As part of the special package we will be getting all of our Nitrox for free. Not Nitrox certified, no worries. Sign up for this trip and earn your PADI EAN certification for the cost of the training materials. That's a \$100 saving to YOU!

Meals and all standard beverages are included. Of course use of all non-motorized beach toys are there for your pleasure.

This trip is priced at \$2,200 double diver and \$1975 non-diver. We have room for 16 folks and 9 are already filled. At these prices this trip will fill fast so get your \$300 non-refundable deposit in today to make sure you don't miss all of the fun.



Calendar

Check it out for upcoming diving and training opportunities just right for you.

Date	Activity
December 1	DAN Oxygen Provider Course
December 2	Scuba Challenge – Stop by the Dive Center to get all the details
December 8	Staff Christmas Party
November 14	Snorkel with Santa
December 24	Blue Ocean Divers will close at 5 pm
December 25	Happy Christmas Blue Ocean Divers will be closed
December 26 – January 1	Blue Ocean Divers will be closed for a family wedding
February 16 – 23, 2008	Fantasy Island, Roatan
April 12 – 19, 2008	Sunset Waters, Curacao

Store Hours

Monday – Friday Noon until 8:00 p.m.

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

Sunday Closed