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WELCOME TO OUR MAY NEWSLETTER

I've got 50 dives this year already, how about you? With all of the warm weather the lakes, river and quarries are warming fast! Checkout http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=aban6 to see the current St. Lawrence River water temperature at Alex Bay. This will be our busiest May on record with diving starting the very first weekend in May.

Did you hear? There is going to be a GREAT Demo Day at Dutch Springs this June 14th. Come to Dutch and see and try all the latest from Sherwood Scuba, Henderson, Princeton Tec, Genesis and Akona! Whether you're in the market for a new regulator, dive light or gear bag it will all be there so you should be there too!

If you can't wait for the demo day at Dutch we have the new Sherwood SR1 regulator in stock. This is a kicking high end; high flow; low Work Of Breathing; warm water cold water regulator recreation, technical - do it all regulator. Can't wait to read all the details, [click here](#).

Happy reading,

Mach10 Mike

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Trivia Contest

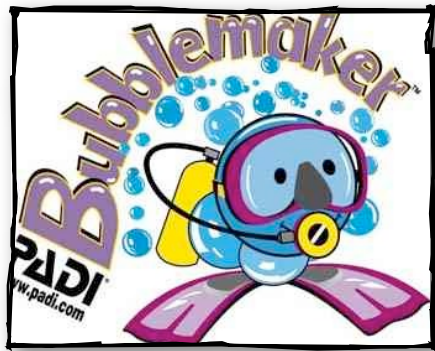


When you looked at the questions, did you get them both correct? Did you include both your first and last name? If you forget to fill in your name, we can't pull your name out of the old dive hood! Many of you participated and did get both of them correct. Well, the names are in the old dive hood and the name is...Michele Masarech. So Michele, come on in to Blue Ocean Divers and pick up your tee-shirt.

How can you win a Blue Ocean Divers tee-shirt? 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.

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.

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.

New for your Dive Locker



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HENDERSON

FOR A LIMITED TIME RECEIVE A FREE
HOT SKIN WHEN YOU PURCHASE
A HYPERSTRETCH JUMPSUIT
OR STEP-IN COMBO



EXPAND THE
LIMITS OF
COMFORT!
TITANIUM
HYPERSTRETCH

Henderson is excited to announce a Nationwide Summer Promotion. From April 15, 2008 thru July 31, 2008 (offer may be canceled at any time without notice) Henderson will include a Free Lycra Hot Skin with the purchase of every Henderson Hyperstretch Jumpsuit or Step-in Combo Wetsuit*.

Keep it simple. Buy a Henderson Hyperstretch between **May 15th and July 31st, 2008** and receive a free Lycra Hot Skin!

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Educational Opportunities

PADI Open Water Diver

Our next Open Water Diver community class will begin June 3rd and run for 5 consecutive weeks with an additional week of pool prep so you can see what diving with a cold water wetsuit is all about.. This is a Tuesday night. Class will begin at Blue Ocean Divers at 6:30. We will leave for the pool about 8 p.m. and be in the pool from 8:30 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Can't wait for the next community class? No worries! We can schedule your private class at your convenience!

PADI Rescue Diver

Do you feel comfortable with your dive equipment after your PADI Open Water certification? Are you understanding some of the different underwater environments after your PADI Advanced Open Water certification? Do you want to be able to help other divers if they begin to have difficulty? Then it's time for YOU to sign-up for the PADI Rescue Diver program! Our next Rescue Class starts June 3rd and will complete the open water scenarios on June 21st at Dutch Springs.

The Unknown Diver

Hello Divers,

It's May. Summer is baring down on us faster than a politician at a fund raiser. We are just a few weeks from the local waters warming to "The Pool Is Open" status. Hopefully we all are prepared to make a splash in 2008. As always it is important to take the time to inspect your gear and perform any needed maintenance. Not a big expense in the grand scheme of things and certainly one that may prove to be a good investment of both time and money. At the price of gasoline and air fare none of us wants to arrive at a dive site unprepared. While we need to be mindful of our check book, sometimes we need to weigh the pros and cons of occurring additional expense.

A while back I was on a dive with some folks diving with vintage gear. At the time the equipment was acquired I am sure it was top end. I would also submit that the rigs most likely provided many exciting and memorable adventures. That being said let me offer my humble opinion. Regulators, BCDs, Mask, Fins, Weighting Systems, SPG's, Dive Computers, Exposure Suits and even Snorkels have changed significantly in the years I have been diving. These changes are not made by marketing folks (except maybe for G.P.S equipped snorkels and all terrain fins) they were introduced to improve safety. As much as I bemoan computers in automobile engines, they do make our cars more dependable. I grew up in an age when the family grocery getter required a tune up every ten or fifteen thousand miles. No more. A little more expensive? Yes. Better? Definitely! If you still have your Fathers Oldsmobile, try finding a repair shop that can rebuild a carburetor. The same problem may very well exist in finding service and parts to mature dive gear. I am certainly not advocating putting the old friend out on the curb. Save it. It brought many hours of excitement. It clearly deserves a place in your heart and dive locker. If buying a new rig is beyond the level of practicability, explore rental options. Rent from a reputable dive center and make sure proper instruction of use is provided. My choice? A no brainer here, Blue Ocean Divers, safety, service, sales and serious fun. Every time.

Never dive over your head

"The Unknown Diver"

New from On-line

Scuba TV on the Web

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I stumbled upon this different webcast the other day and thought you might like to see it. Check out <http://www.divezero.tv> for a new type of scuba informative entertainment.

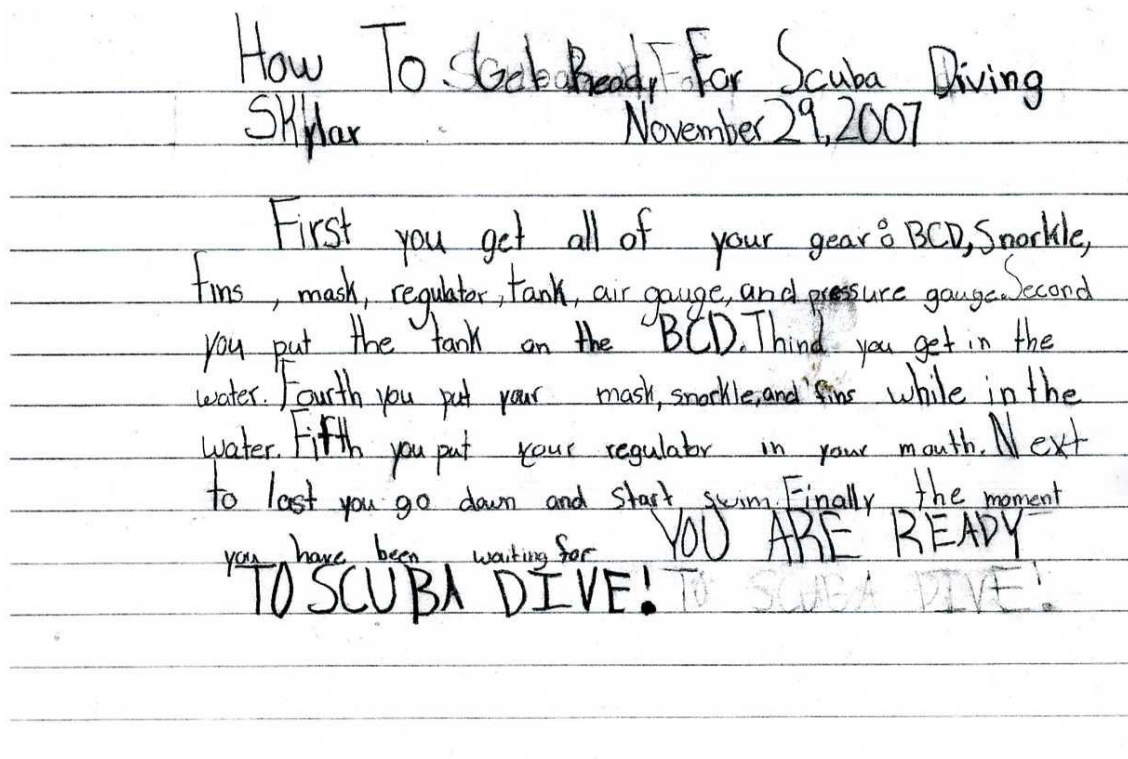
Links to St. Lawrence Dive Site Information

With the price of gas are you thinking about diving closer to home 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 St <http://www.saveontarioshipwrecks.on.ca/News/Shipwreck%20articles.html> and see what there is to explore in the St. Lawrence River!

Dive Links for Kids

Do you have a budding diver that just can't get enough of the oceans and all of the critters and life they contain? Here is a link that they should enjoy. It's Jonathan Bird's Blue World website. The URL is <http://www.blueworldtv.com/>. Direct from their website here is what they are all about. "Jonathan Bird's Blue World is an educational family-oriented underwater adventure series being co-produced by [Jonathan Bird Productions](#) and [Oceanic Research Group](#). It is hosted by dynamic naturalist and underwater photographer Jonathan Bird. The format is magazine style, with short 7-10 minute segments each containing a complete adventure story with an educational component." Check it out. I think the kid in all of us will enjoy it.

How to Dive By Skylar



Travel

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St. Lawrence River



We'll be going to the "river" six times this summer. Three times will be strictly shore diving and the other trips will be with Abucs Scuba in Brockville, Canada. The shore diving will be bare bones. We will provide a dive guide that will get you to the dive sites and explain/brief the dive. You will be responsible for all diving necessities, transportation, meals and lodging.

The trips with Abucs Scuba will provide three boat dives on Saturday, two boat dives on Sunday, lunch on the boat Saturday and lodging Saturday night. You will be responsible for providing all of your own dive equipment including three tanks (for Saturday), air fills and weights. 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.

Don't miss out on experiencing the best fresh water dive destination in the USA! Come and dive the St. Lawrence River.

Florida Keys

Are you ready to try something new? Well we at Blue Ocean Divers are always looking for a better dive experience and we think we have found it. This year we will be going to the southern end of Key Largo and dive with Conch Republic and stay with Coconut Palms just around the corner. This trip will be a little more than in years gone by but the quality of accommodations is significantly better. That's the good news. The bad news is Coconut Palm is a small resort with 400 feet of sandy beach front on the bay side with only 11 rooms. I have booked 8 of these rooms so we most likely will not be able to grow this trip.



This trip is on the books and you can join us August 17th through the 23rd. It will be our usual Florida itinerary. Arrive Sunday, dive 2 tank boat dives, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. Leave for home on Saturday. The trip price includes double diver lodging with continental breakfast and diving, tanks and weights included. This year the cost is \$795 per person, double diver. A non-refundable deposit of \$200 will hold your spot. Final payment is due July 15th 2008. ***It is almost to late, this trip only has 2 slots left.***

Sunset Waters in Curacao

If you missed out on Sunset Waters, Curacao you missed out on a very fun trip. After a long day of traveling we fell into a very nice and comfortable rhythm. I think the most boring job on the island is that of weatherman. Everyday, high 88 low 78 mostly sunny with a small chance of showers.

The diving was great! We saw all the usual fish with lots of eels, file fish, puffer fish, Drum Fish, nudibranchs and sea horses. I had more than one diver tell me that the house reef was the best dive site on the island. Not that any of them were wanting, just that the house reef had so much to offer.

The food and service was its usual superior level. I found out that rabbit has lots of bones making it a little difficult to enjoy. We had lots of foods to pick from with made to order eggs in the morning, American or local dishes at lunch and dinner ranged from barbeque one night, steaks and seafood.

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We are booking next year's trip right now! February 14-21, 2009. Get your non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 in now to make sure you share all the fun!

AquaCat Live aboard

Come and join us as we dive the Bahama waters of the Exumas from May 2nd through May 9th 2009 aboard the Aqua Cat liveaboard. The Aqua Cat is a 102' catamaran making this boat very calm and stable.

The Aqua Cat offers a leisurely liveaboard scuba diving and snorkeling adventure cruising from Nassau, Bahamas to the remote islands of the Exumas, and especially the Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park, the most pristine area in all the Bahamas. Imagine sinking your toes into sugar sand, diving among the lemon sharks and sting rays, or hiking the trails of pirates and bootleggers of years gone by. No crowds, no set itineraries, nothing to do but sit back, relax and choose from an incredible variety of liveaboard activities including scuba diving, snorkeling, kayaking, fishing, sunbathing, and island exploring. Photographers will find underwater life in the Exumas some of the most prolific and varied of any coral reef in the world. Aqua Cat enables you to scuba dive remote walls, wrecks, and coral reefs with sharks.

Our Aqua Cat adventure will include painted walls, friendly grouper, thrilling shark encounters, drift dives and mysterious blue holes. Don't miss out on the shark feed dive usually offered during your scuba diving liveaboard adventure vacation. You will experience truly virgin diving in the Exumas. For over 30 years, much of the northern Exumas has been a National Underwater Park. The park contains miles and miles of undersea gardens and reefs perfect for snorkeling with gin clear waters and lots of fish.

Join Blue Ocean Divers on this liveaboard dive experience for only \$2,395. This includes 8 days, 7 nights with 6 days of unlimited diving. Nitrox is available on the boat. All lodging, meals and beverages are also included. I have 6 cabins booked for 12 lucky divers. Don't delay in getting your \$500 deposit to hold your spot on this super trip!

Calendar

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

Date	Activity
May 3, 2008	PADI Emergency First Responder
May 3, 2008	BU AOW Dutch Springs Trip
May 10, 2008	BU AOW St. Lawrence Trip
May 11, 2008	PADI Discover Scuba
May 31 - June 1	Dutch Springs Certification weekend
Jun 3, 2008	PADI Open Water Class starts
June 7-8, 2008	St. Lawrence Shore Dive weekend - USA
Jun 14, 2008	Sherwood, Genesis, Henderson Demo Day at Dutch Springs
Jun 14, 2008	DAN Oxygen Provider class
June 27-28, 2008	St. Lawrence Boat weekend - Canada
July 7-10, 2008	PADI Seal Team Camp
July 12-13, 2008	Dutch Springs Certification weekend
July 14-17, 2008	PADI Seal Team Camp
July 19-20, 2008	St. Lawrence Shore Dive weekend - USA

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June 21-24, 2008	PADI Seal Team Camp
Jul 26, 2008	PADI Emergency First Responder
August 9-10, 2008	St. Lawrence Boat weekend - Canada
Aug 16, 2008	DAN Oxygen Provider class
August 17 - 23	Key Largo dive trip with Conch Republic & Coconut Palm Inn
August 30-31, 2008	St. Lawrence Shore Dive weekend - USA
September 6-7, 2008	Dutch Springs Certification weekend
Sep 13, 2008	PADI Emergency First Responder
September 20-21, 2008	St. Lawrence Boat weekend - Canada
October 4-5, 2008	Cornell Extension Outdoor Show, Bath, NY
Oct 11, 2008	DAN Oxygen Provider class
October 18-19, 2008	Dutch Springs Certification weekend (Last for 2008)
Feb 14-21, 2009	Sunset Waters, Curacao
May 2-9, 2009	AquaCat Live-aboard, Bahamas

Store Hours

Monday – Friday Noon until 8:00 p.m.

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

Sunday Closed