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WELCOME TO OUR JULY NEWSLETTER

Can you believe that it's July already? Grab your buddy and come with us to the St. Lawrence River and dive before the summer passes you by! You can share the cost of gas with your buddy and have a great time diving the Brockville, Canada wrecks. Do you want to track the river temperature? Checkout http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=aban6 to see the current St. Lawrence River water temperature at Alex Bay. This morning it was 65°.

Have you checked out the new Sherwood SR1 regulator? We have them 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... Dana Silvestri. So Dana, 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

Sherwood's new SR-1

Incredible, Incomparable performance elegantly Simplified. Come to Blue Ocean Divers and see one for your self! We have them in stock and you can own one today!

How is your Dive Computer?

202 reasons to replace your old dive computer

1 - Upgrade your old computer

2 - Dispose of your old computer in a environmentally responsible way

200 - Dollar instant rebate on a new Suunto dive computer when you trade your old one in

Looking for a "new to you" BCD or Regulator?

Come on and chat with old Mach10 and he can set you up with a slightly used regulator and BCD.

Educational Opportunities

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PADI Open Water Diver

Our June 3rd class is full. Our next Open Water Diver community class will begin July 15th 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 Advanced Open Water

Do you feel comfortable with your dive equipment after your PADI Open Water certification? Do you want to understand diving in different underwater environments? Do you want to find out what it's like to dive in river current? Do you want to learn more about diving into history and seeing sunken ship wrecks? Then it's time for YOU to sign-up for the PADI Advanced Open Water program! Our next Advanced Open Water course is scheduled for July 18 - 20.

The Unknown Diver

Hello Divers,

Summer is in full swing and many of us will enjoy the great weather and warm water. While I have exploited this space in the past to offer my humble views on diving and occasionally the antics of some of my colleagues this posting will be serious.

Several weeks ago a large charter boat exploded while being fueled. Tragically a young man was killed. I attended an event on this same boat last summer. A friend of mine keeps his boat at the marina where the accident occurred. I can attest to the professionalism of both the charter captain and the marina staff. Before the boat left the dock on the event I attended, the captain performed a thorough safety briefing and briefed us again before we were allowed to swim off the boat at the mooring ball. The staff at the marina were equally competent and most professional in the performance of their duties. Reports from witnesses and authorities indicate the staff at the gas dock and the boat captain followed all safety procedures. This truly was a freak accident. If something like this can happen to well trained professionals we all need to be cognizant of potential risk involved in boating. To be clear, I am not advocating any legislation of avoiding water sports, rather the need for all of us to be careful while on the water.

That being said, enjoy a great, safe Summer of 2008, and I hope to see you on the bottom.

Never dive over your head

"The Unknown Diver"

New from On-line

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! Our next trip will be a shore based trip diving both Canadian and US wrecks. Come and see what all the excitement is about!

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://>

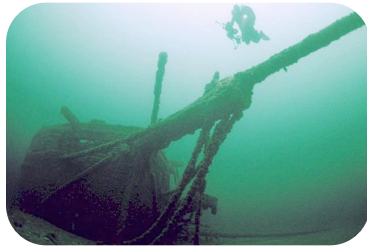
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www.blueworldtv.com/. Direct from their website here is what they are all about. “Jonathan Bird's Blue World is an educational family-oriented underwater adventure series being co-produced by [Jonathan Bird Productions](#) and [Oceanic Research Group](#). 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.

Travel

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 two 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 two 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.

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 will be 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. This trip is full. If you are interested we can see if we can find you lodging for the week.

Sunset Waters in Curacao

If you missed out on our 2008 Sunset Waters, Curacao you missed out on a very fun trip. 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.

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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.

Our next trip back is booked for February 14-21, 2009. we are flying Delta Airlines from Philadelphia with a stop in Atlanta then on to Curacao. We will have 6 days of 2 tank boat dives and the usual unlimited shore diving. Meals and all standard beverages are included. Of course use of all non-motorized beach toys are there for your pleasure. We have multiple room options for this trip! Bringing a family? We have a selection of rooming options for everyone and every family. 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
July 7-10, 2008	PADI Seal Team Camp
July 12-13, 2008	Dutch Springs Certification weekend
Jul 15, 2008	PADI Open Water Class starts
July 14-17, 2008	PADI Seal Team Camp
July 19-20, 2008	St. Lawrence Shore Dive weekend - USA
June 21-24, 2008	PADI Seal Team Camp
Jul 26, 2008	PADI Emergency First Responder

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Date	Activity
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