

# BLUE OCEAN DIVERS

## NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME TO OUR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

October is always a transition month. For those that haven't had enough diving they can still get in a dive or before the water becomes to "hard" to dive in. If as October ends you haven't had enough diving for the year, a drysuit course can get you another dive or two this session.

DEMA, the annual scuba trade show is this month so I'll have reports on all the new equipment I find during my week in Las Vegas.

It's not too early to start butting together your holiday wish list. If your wish list includes additions to your dive locker we can help. Blue Ocean Divers has a "gift registry" so even your non-diving friends can get you exactly what your dive locker needs.

Happy reading,

Mach10 Mike

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### News from the Dive Center

#### Southern Tier Outdoor Recreation Expo

Mark your calendars and join Blue Ocean Divers October 4th and 5th at the Southern Tier Outdoor Recreation Expo in Bath, NY. The Expo is at Wilkins RV, Inc., 7520 State Route 415, Bath. The show hours are 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

We will be manning a heated pool to do PADI Discover Scubas both days. Bring a friend and we can get them blowing bubbles and you can get a new buddy for next year.

#### New From the Folks at Delta P



VR Technology Limited has announced a brand new VR3 model for 2008 armed with High Definition (HD) software giving enhanced screen visibility and some exciting new options as standard.

In addition to the vast range of features that VR3 owners have enjoyed to date, the new 2008 model gives the diver:

- Outstanding screen visibility via a backlit white screen on all VR3s, both single and multicolor units;
- PIN upgradeability from Single Color to Multi Color;
- A free of charge 3 dive Multi Color trial for Single Color VR3 owners;
- Faster and more user-friendly screen navigation process;
- A new Mini-Screen Pre-dive Check feature;
- A revolutionary interactive Display Modes feature allowing the diver to choose which information is displayed on the dive screen, and thus
- A unique User-Customizable Dive Screen, AND
- A very user friendly new Dive Profile and Look Ahead Graphic feature on the Dive Screen
- Check it all out at [www.vr3.co.uk](http://www.vr3.co.uk)

#### 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... Colleen Brown. So Colleen, 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.

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### 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.

### Educational Opportunities

#### PADI Open Water Diver

October sees our PADI Open Water classes coming to an end. We can always be talked into another class if you have a friend that just can't wait! We were hoping to be able to offer a class this fall with a trip to Ft. Lauderdale for the certification dives. Unfortunately Tropical Storm Faye shortened our time in Ft. Lauderdale and we were not able to finalize details.

### The Unknown Diver

Hello Divers,

It doesn't seem right that the calendar has turned to October. While there is still some opportunity to enjoy our favorite pastime, sadly our local season it is growing to a close. I hope all who read this had lots of bottom time and many great adventures. By the postings on the certification board at Blue Ocean Divers it sure enough looks like lots of folks had a great season. Entries include; Open and Advanced Open Water Divers, Rescue Divers, Specialty Divers and Dive Masters. Congratulations to all!

To all the freshly certified Open Water divers, a special tip of the hood. You are now part of a very special group. Very few people you come in contact with can make this claim to fame. You are a SCUBA DIVER. You took the time and effort to qualify to explore two thirds of the world from a very different perspective. For those completing advanced training I have several thoughts. The most obvious being that you have gained additional skills to enhance your experience. A wise choice indeed. Beyond that the latest batch of Advanced Open Water Divers may very well be our next Rescue Divers. Newly certified Rescue Divers may become Dive Masters, and ultimately Instructors.

All important to assure more of the populace join our ranks as safe and competent divers. That is a good thing.

That being said I would be remiss if I didn't share at least one of the highlights of my September sabbatical with Dive Master Earl and his bride "Sweetie". Get a load of this...

We met the couple one morning for breakfast at the Kracker Barrel I had my dog with me and had rolled down the car windows to make sure the pup had fresh air. He was stretched full-out on the back seat and I wanted to impress upon him that he must remain there. I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, 'Now you stay. Do you hear me?' 'Stay! Stay!' Sweetie who was waiting in one of the sidewalk rocking chairs, gave me a strange look and said, 'Why don't you just put it in park?! Ya' gotta love her!!

Never Dive Over Your Head

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"The Unknown Diver"

### New from On-line

#### PADI EAN EANx32 RDP Recall

PADI Americas recently discovered an error in some printings of the English language, Imperial EANx32 RDP. No other version of the RDP is affected. Although the risk of injury is exceedingly remote and no injuries have been reported, this table is being recalled. The affected Imperial EANx32 RDP has the following product number and product code (found in the lower right corner on the back of the table).

#### **Product No. 60049 Ver 1.2 (Rev 02/03) XXXPDK7**

The product code digits indicated by "X" may vary. The last four digits "PDK7" indicate a recalled table, irrespective of what the first three digits are. As a double check, on Table 3, check the 110 foot row under Pressure Group G. The table should indicate a Residual Nitrogen Time (upper number in white) of 13 and an Actual Bottom Time (lower number in green) of 12. If this box is blank, you have a misprinted table. If you have an EANx RDP (product number 60049) with the production code of XXXPDK7 and/or a blank box where described, please return it to your PADI Dive Center/Resort or return it to PADI America at the address below, as soon as possible.

#### **DO NOT PLAN YOUR DIVES USING THIS TABLE.**

Your RDP will be replaced with a new table at no charge to you. You may send your table to:

PADI Americas  
Attn: RDP Recall  
30151 Tomas  
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

When sending your table back to PADI Americas, please be sure to include the address where you want the new table shipped.

In the United States and Canada, you may call PADI Americas' toll free number 800.729.7234 or 949.858.7234, extension 2011 for further information on this recall.

### 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!

## 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 three boat dives on Saturday,

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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.

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

### Sunset Waters in Curacao

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

#### **2 spots left!**

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!

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### Calendar

Date	Activity
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 ( <b>Last for 2008</b> )
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