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WELCOME TO OUR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Hi Everyone. Here it is October and my favorite time to dive. No, I have not turned into a polar bear! It's my favorite time because the water is still warm, the crowds are gone, the thermoclines are deep and the visibility is GREAT! In fact, I was diving at Dutch Springs on Sept 26th and the water temperature was 72° down to 50 feet! You can't find this nice of conditions at any other time of the year!

Have you found us on Facebook yet? Check us out, look for user name Blue Ocean Divers, and see all the timely happenings. You can see pictures from the beach clean-up and the last St. Lawrence trip. We are making regular posting of what is happening here at Blue Ocean Divers. Join the group and share in the fun!

It's not November yet and we are not done diving! Come and do one last trip to the St. Lawrence River with us on the 17th & 18th. Only 8 spots left to come and dive the graveyard of fresh water wrecks!

Mach10 Mike

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News from the Dive Center

[Support the Ban on Shark Finning](#)

Join the coalition against the wasteful practice of Shark Finning. Go to <https://www.projectaware.org/english/templates/news.aspx?id=3951> and sign the Spanish petition to close Spain's loopholes permitting shark finning.

Dive Opportunity

One last trip to the St. Lawrence Rive. Dust of your passport and join us for a weekend of diving fun Saturday & Sunday October 17th & 18th. If you snooze you loose. Only 8 spots left.

The Unknown Diver

Hello Divers

As mentioned in this space before I am a NASCAR fan. In watching the television coverage of last weeks race I couldn't help but notice all the empty grandstands. In the past races were routinely sold out. Many tracks had waiting list and fans could expect to wait for years before acquiring tickets. What happened? More than likely the economy is partially responsible. The price of tickets, hotel accommodations and track food could make an OPEC member flinch. OK. So what does this have to do with diving? Let me navigate through this segue and attempt to make my point.

Unlike my other interest SCUBA diving has no long lines, exorbitant ticket prices, and hotel fees don't double under the guise of Event Rates. Even if a diver has to rent gear, diving is a pretty good deal. I would submit to you the price is comparable to a days green fees at the golf course and clearly a better investment than a trip to the local casino. It remains a mystery to me that one would make the effort to become certified and then not take advantage of the local diving opportunities. The Finger Lakes, St. Lawrence River and Dutch Springs are just a few hours away, easily accessible for a day's diving. No one to dive with? No problem. In my years of association with this dive center it is my observation there is always someone wanting to dive. Ask one of the staff. Dive skills a little rusty? Not an issue. On any occasions there are sufficient Dive Masters, A/I's and Instructors to assist or lead your dive. Even though the prime Summer weather is behind us October offers some beautiful days and some great diving. Grab your gear and lets go! I'll see you on the bottom!

Never Dive Over Your Head

"The Unknown Diver"

P.S. Thanks to "The Queen" and Tom R. for a great mornings dive at Scotts on Oquaga Lake on September 19th. We had a chance to dive and support the "Greening" of our environment by performing a beach/bottom clean up. The lake is now free of several used tires, a dozen or so beer cans, a coffee cup, an anchor and other assorted goodies. After the dive we had a nice lunch (a.k.a an inside picnic) A good time was had by all!

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Trivia Contest

With the new website I was able to get real questions up on the website but they couldn't have been very hard. I didn't stump anyone who answered. So everyone that took a go at the questions gets their name put in the old dive hood. And the name that comes out is Paul Garlitz. So Paul, 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 Specialty of the month for October

PADI Dive Society members who enroll in the Night Diver Specialty course this October are eligible for a free PADI Diving Society Glo-Toob.

If you are not a PADI Dive Society member why not?? You get great discounts on scuba equipment and vacations and you get in on some really cool opportunities.

Checkout joining by [clicking here](#).

Emergency First Response



If one of your loved ones suffered a heart attack, would you be able to provide CPR and rescue breathing until EMS arrived? If an AED were available, would you have the confidence to employ it? What if you came upon a car with downed power lines covering it, would you know what to do? Plan now to attend our Emergency First Response class scheduled for **October 25th**. This training is open to divers and non-divers alike. The course covers everything from basic first aid, CPR, rescue breathing, AED use, care for heart attack victims, cuts and bleeding, strokes, bone fractures and much more. Initial training is \$95 plus training materials.

DAN, did you know?

It doesn't matter what level of dive certification you have, from Open Water to Master Instructor. At some time during the course work for every level of certification, you touched on DCS and the use of emergency oxygen. But at no time did you get formal training or a certification on the setup and use of oxygen. Did you know that in New York State you need to either have a doctor's prescription or a recognized provider certification to purchase medical grade oxygen? It is considered a drug. Emergency oxygen is one of the few tools we, as divers, have to help our buddies suspected of having DCS, before EMS or people with advanced medical training arrive to take over patient care.



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The DAN O2 course will give you the necessary certification to provide emergency O2. It will show you how to setup and use different basic oxygen delivery systems. If you want to go on with advanced skills, the DAN Advanced O2 course will show you systems that make the job of managing unconscious divers easier. If you are an EMT and think you know how to use oxygen, you'll be interested to hear that DAN has several delivery devices that NYS does not teach at this time. They are devices that delivery high concentrations of O2 without the waste that a 15 liters per minute non-rebreather mask has. If you are diving at a remote site and have an emergency, that could be a waste of oxygen that you may not be able to afford if you are carrying a single D cylinder.

If you are thinking about PADI Master SCUBA Diver or Rescue Diver, the DAN course can be used as a PADI specialty. Sign up anytime if you are interested in learning more about emergency O2 use. We can setup the class around your schedule. It only takes 1, maybe 2, evenings or a half day on a weekend. Smaller classes are better for this class as it will give you more hands-on time to work the different devices. If you have already taken an O2 class, check the date on your card. Since this is a medical course it needs to be refreshed every 2 years. Don't wait for us to post a class on the board. Sign up today and we will schedule an instructor based on your calendar.

Bob Hamilton
PADI / DAN Instructor
NYS EMT

Travel

St. Lawrence River



Our last trip to the St. Lawrence River for 2009 will be October 17 & 18.

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. 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.

THE KEYSTORM

The Keystorm is a 256 foot long steel hull cargo vessel with a 43.5 foot beam displacing 2300 tons, was built in 1909 at New Castle. She lies in American waters on the south side of Outer Scow Island Shoal near Goose Bay. There are usually 2 buoys marking the wreck. The Bow Buoy, the northern one of the two, provides an easy guide down 25 feet to the pilot house in the forecandle through light to medium current. Once on the wreck, there is little to no noticeable current. The Midship Buoy takes you down to about 45 feet to view her 4 huge open cargo holds and loading booms. You will find the 4 inch cables still lying about from a failed attempt to raise her. Her stern engine room and props lie at a depth of 103 feet.

The Keystorm is lying on her starboard side providing a nice opportunity to view the 40 foot gash on the port bow, that the inexperienced first mate so artfully carved into her using Outer Scow Shoal on October 13, 1912. While you are there, check out the anchor pockets but don't breath the air you'll find there. She is still hung on the shoal providing the experienced diver with an opportunity to swim through under the wreck at around 90 feet.

The Keystorm, engaged regularly in the coal trade between various coal ports in the United States and Montreal, Left Charlotte, NY, on October 25, 1912 about 3:00 PM for Montreal with a cargo of 2,273 tons of coal and arrived of Tibbetts Point in the St. Lawrence about midnight. At 12:15 AM on October 26, the master gave over the charge of the navigation to his first mate, with the orders of a very definite nature as to what he should do,

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but for some reason or other did not go below to his quarters, but remained on the forward deck, evidently not being quite satisfied of the first mate's ability to run the vessel in the intricate channel in that locality and also being doubtful as to the state of the weather, which was at that time unsettled.

At 3 AM the ship being off Alexandria Bay, the master retired to his bed, the weather conditions, according to evidence, being the same, but he did not take off his clothes, evidently expecting a call. From that point that point the vessel proceeded safely up to Sister's Island Light, which was a perfectly straight course from Sunken Rock Light. When passing the Sister's she ran into a bank of fog which obscured all lights and landmarks. The first mate then showed total disregard of all prudence or common sense and, not knowing what course the vessel would steer by compass, never having, as he said paid any attention to such a method of navigation, he tried to take the customary course by using what he supposed was the glimmer of light on Sister's Island over the stern, but without being able to see the gas buoy on Chippewa Point Shoal which under ordinary circumstances would have shown on the starboard bow. Then, being doubtful of the ship's position, and without any reduction in speed, he sent to call down the master, but before this could be done the ship struck Outer Scow Shoal, and became a total loss.

Calendar

Date	Activity
October 10	BU AOW Make-up
October 24 - 25	Dutch Springs Open Water weekend
October 25	Emergency First Responder training
October 17	BU AOW at Seneca Lake
October 17 - 18	St. Lawrence River trip with Abucs Scuba
November 4 - 7	DEMA, Orlando, FL
November 2009	10 year anniversary of Blue Ocean Divers

Store Hours

Monday – Friday Noon until 8:00 p.m.

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

Sunday Closed