

# BLUE OCEAN DIVERS

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### Welcome to 2010!

Goodbye 2009 and HELLO 2010. Here's to the new year. May it be brighter and wetter with great diving than we had in 2009! Our year is starting off with a splash. We have Nitrox training on your schedule, PADI Open Water classes all scheduled (1<sup>st</sup> starts 1/24 see [PADI Open Water Course](#)) with PADI Advanced Open Water and PADI Rescue diver on the calendar.

Our Trip to Bonaire is filling fast. We have 2 slots left. Come and share the fun of this unhurried island where diving is the number 1 thing to do!

Mach10 Mike

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### News from the Dive Center

#### Blue Ocean Divers Closes early on 6 January

We will be closing at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. The staff will be undergoing extensive equipment training to make sure they have all the answers for your equipment questions. We will have regular store hours all month except for the 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### Pool Play Day

Are you already missing the sound of your breath underwater? When was the last time you practiced an air share skill? Plan now to come to Blue Ocean Divers Pool play day January 12<sup>th</sup>. Ten dollars will get you a tank and weights and an hour in the pool to blow all the bubbles you can.

Need more than just tanks and weights? Blue Ocean Divers can help you out. Rent a BCD and regulator for an additional \$10.

We will have toys in the pool for your enjoyment along with staff to answer any dive related question on your mind. Please sign up in advance to ensure we have all the equipment needed at the pool.

#### The Unknown Diver

Hello Divers,

Tug is not only celebrating the new year but also his success deer hunting. Two deer down when he thought only one was shot! Once he is done making merry I'm sure he will have a story or two that he will share with us. So please heed his advice and...

Never Dive Over Your Head.  
"The Unknown Diver"

#### Trivia Contest

With the new website it's much easier to update the questions. But you still have to get the answers right to get your name put in the old dive hood. The names are in and the name that popped out is Joe Hogan. So Joe, 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

We have many opportunities for you to advance your diving skills and knowledge.

Our next PADI Open Water course starts January 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

Want to learn more about how your dive equipment works? Enroll in our Equipment Specialty class scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Want to be able to help a distressed diver? Enroll in DAN Oxygen provider class. Been there done that? How about DAN's Advanced Oxygen Provider class. Or how about Emergency First Responder (EFR) and AED training?

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Or how about DAN's DEMP program scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup>. A combination of courses from DAN covering; Oxygen First Aid for Scuba Divers, Advanced Oxygen First Aid for Scuba Divers, First Aid for Hazardous Marine Life and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for Scuba Divers.

Check it all out on our [website](#).

Finally, don't forget our Nitrox on-line offering all month long.

### On-Line EAN Special for all of January & February

We'll make this as simple as possible. Sign-up and complete the PADI on-line training for Enriched Air and come to Blue Ocean Divers to complete the certification any Saturday in January and February. No open water dives required.

Dive more with less nitrogen loading and experience a post dive feeling only the young can attest to. Nitrox will not make you a safer diver, just a diver able to dive longer and more often than a diver diving on straight air.

Please make sure and schedule an appointment to complete your certification so we can provide adequate staff for those attending each Saturday.

### PADI Open Water Course

Do you have a friend that you would like to see as your new dive buddy? Are they getting cabin fever already? Are they looking for something that will get them thinking warm sunny thoughts? Enroll them now in our next PADI Open Water Diver course starting January 24<sup>th</sup>.

### DAN DEMP Course

It is a rare event when a dive emergency is a single event. More often than not, separate small problems compound to create a larger problem.

Divers interested in understanding first aid care for dive emergencies can now take the Diving Emergency Management Provider course from Blue Ocean Divers. This single program integrates the knowledge and skills from several DAN Training Programs into a single eight-hour day.

The Diving Emergency Management Provider course includes:

- Oxygen First Aid for Scuba Diving Injuries
- First Aid for Hazardous Marine Life Injuries
- Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for Scuba Diving

The knowledge and skills from the DAN Advanced Oxygen First Aid for Scuba Diving Injuries module are covered with Blue Ocean Divers even though DAN lists them as optional in this program.

After reviewing the skills and knowledge development portions of this program, the students then participate in an integrated scenario where they get the opportunity to bring together all of the skills they learned in each of the segments into a single scenario.

### Equipment Specialty

Whether it's a regulator problem, a wet suit tear or a broken mask strap, the Equipment Specialist course can help. This Specialty course prepares you for the basic equipment maintenance, care and adjustments you'll encounter every day. In addition, you'll get the valuable background on equipment repair and purchase, making you better able to protect your investment.

During your PADI Equipment Specialist program, you'll familiarize yourself with the operation and maintenance of your personal equipment. Your instructor might also provide the opportunity to review new or unfamiliar dive equipment. The program is not an equipment repair program but it does give you:

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- ★ Theory, principles and operation of dive equipment
- ★ Routine recommended care and maintenance procedures
- ★ Common problems with equipment and recommended professional maintenance procedures
- ★ Simple suggestions for comfortable equipment configurations and an introduction to new equipment

Join us and your friends, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. Until 2 p.m. and learn what you need and how you can save a dive even if you are on the dive boat waiting to get in the water.

## Travel

### Bonaire at Easter

Blue Ocean Divers has 2 spots left of the 16 spots we reserved at Buddy Dive Resort in Bonaire. Plan now to join us and spend Easter 2010 (April 3<sup>rd</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup>) in Bonaire at Buddy Dive Resort. This unhurried, unspoiled natural paradise offering spectacular sunsets, gentle breezes and crystal clear, turquoise waters. Buddy's is a resort where you can DIVE DIVE DIVE, take part in a multitude of activities or just sit back, relax and enjoy the atmosphere.

- This trip is loaded with extras.
- 8 days 7 nights double occupancy lodging in one bedroom apt
- 6 boat dives
- Unlimited shore diving
- Free Nitrox for EAN certified divers
- 7 days rental vehicle (double cabin pick-up truck or van)
- American style breakfast buffet daily
- Lunch Al a Cart from menu
- Welcome drink
- Manager's Rum Punch Party
- Airport transfers
- Airfare is not included

You can enjoy this wonderful trip for only \$1,225 plus airfare.

## Calendar

Date	Activity
Every Saturday in January	Nitrox Certification completion class
December 31	Happy New Year - Closing at 5 p.m.
January 1	Blue Ocean Divers will be CLOSED
January 6	Blue Ocean Divers will close at 5 p.m. for staff training
January 12	Pool Play
January 16	DAN DEMP course
January 30	PADI Equipment Specialty

## Store Hours

Monday – Friday Noon until 8:00 p.m.

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

Sunday Closed