



Dolphin Digest

Adventures Down Under
Divers Down Under
A Newsletter For Active Divers
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Upcoming Dives & Classes

Upcoming Dives

*Sunshine Coast— Nov 27th — 30th.

This will be either a 2, 3, or 4 day dive trip. We will be up there for all 4 days but divers can dive anywhere from 2 to 4 days of that time. Cost is: \$290 for 2 days, \$425 for 3 days, and \$520 for 4 days. Price includes 3 boat dives for each full day (with the exception of Sunday), food and lodging. Those doing 4 days are on their own for dinner Thanksgiving

Classes:

Openwater—Entry level course lasting two weeks. Nov 3rd \$225 incl. books, instruction and training in a dry suit. Classes have been filling up so if you know anyone interested tell them to plan ahead. Next class will be late January 2004 (that's right, 2004 is just around the corner

Advanced Open-

water — Nov 8th & 9th \$150 (does not include gear). This is a 5 dive program spanning 2 days.

Nov 8th will be the last Advanced Openwater course of the year.

Rescue— Nov 8th-9th. \$175 Covers self rescue and helping other divers when a problem arises. This is one of the best diving programs you can take. Advanced Openwater is a prerequisite.

Drysuit—A new course usually starts with each Openwater class. \$125 Next drysuit course Nov 12th

Nitrox— Oct 22nd beginning at 6 pm \$150.

Divemaster— Beginning Jan 13th. This is the first professional level in the PADI/SDI /IANTD food chain. Learn to supervise dives and divers at all levels of recreational diving. \$400

Visual Inspector Training— Jan 11th Learn how to visually inspect scuba tanks and how to better protect your own

tanks for a longer life span. \$175

Advanced Nitrox/ Deco Procedures -

Advanced Nitrox certifies the user to 130 feet and any oxygen/nitrogen mixture including 100% oxygen. The Decompression Procedures course certifies to 150 feet and does actual decompression. Call for scheduled dates.

Adv Nitrox- \$225
Deco Procedures- \$295
Combo - \$445

Recreational Trimix -

This will be a new class we will offer in 2004. This is a helium based program to a 130' maximum depth. Call Ron for details.

Normoxic Trimix -

Jan 25th. This is the basic level of helium added diving. Anyone interested can talk to Ron for prerequisites and equipment needed. Cost is \$495 and does not include the cost of gas.

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Club Information

- Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm
- Yearly Membership— Individual \$30, Family \$45
- Monthly shore and boat dives with discount on local charters
- 20% discount on basic dive gear rentals, and 10% off continuing scuba educational courses
- Monthly door prizes!!!



Upcoming Dive Club Meetings Tuesday, Nov 4th, 2003 at 7:00pm

Orca Web sites

www.orca-live.net

www.orcaconservancy.org
(the site for Springer and Luna updates)

www.saveorcawhales.com

www.whale-museum.org

This Tuesday, Nov 4th at 7 p.m. is our next meeting, held at ADU in the store. The entertainment portion will be Barb Roy on the San Juan Islands and Deception Pass. Barb is currently doing stories on Deception Pass for Diver Magazine and also for Divers Maga-

zine. If you haven't seen Diver's Mag before check them out at www.diversmag.com.

If everyone could bring some sort of a snack if you think about it we will be well fed at the break.

Decembers meeting is our annual Christmas

party so plan on a festive occasion on the 2nd and Jan 6th is our annual White Elephant Party where everyone brings a gift to swap

Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

Matrix at the IMAX

The divers down under club has planned an IMAX outing for Saturday, December 13th at the Pacific Science Center in Seattle. We will see Volcanoes Of The Deep Sea and the Matrix Revolutions. The movies start at 4:30 pm and should finish at around 9:30 or 10. We have received special pricing for this event, \$13.50 total for both movies. If anyone wants to do the aquarium before hand let me know and we can make a day of it. This event is an RSVP only so call the store at 360-676-4177 and let us know you want to attend (or email). A number of people will be car pooling from Bellingham so let us know you want to be added to that list also. This should be a lot of fun. We might go to the Spaghetti Factory between movies if we have enough time.

Upcoming Events & What's New

Fiji — In August of 2004 ADU will be traveling to Fiji for a vacation so mark it on your calendar.

Barkley Sound — Early March will be our annual spring weekend trip up with Rendevous Dive Ventures with Dave and Renate. This one fills up fast so let us know if you are interested.

Port Hardy — April will be our annual Port Hardy trip. We may use a new operator this year so we will keep you informed but it should be around \$800 for 5 days of diving, lodging, and food in this spectacular area.

North Carolina - Anyone interested in doing some wreck diving in North Carolina? Ron will be looking at putting together a trip there sometime with the next year if there is any interest. There are a lot of wrecks from WWII, including submarines. Not to mention the Sand Tiger Sharks!

Bikini in 2005 - Currently the only place to dive on an American Aircraft Carrier and a whole lot of other wrecks. This are was used for Atomic Bomb testing back in the 40's.

Rescue

PADI Rescue is for those who are interested in learning more about self rescue and being able to respond in an emergency. This is

one of the most beneficial courses PADI offers. "I see students grow as divers more in this course than any other course I teach"

states Ron. Advanced Openwater diver is the prerequisite. Nov 8th & 9th. \$175 (does not include gear).

Visual Inspector Course

Jan 11th, 9 am-6 pm
Become a certified visual tank inspector. This is a once a year course to learn the techniques and tricks associated with inspecting scuba

cylinders. After the course you will be able to visually inspect tanks and service them for their annuals. This is a great course for anyone who wants to work in

the dive industry or at a dive shop. Certification is through SDI and the course fee is \$175.

DUI's New Zip Seals

Few companies bring innovative products to divers as consistently as DUI. But ZipSeals™ is truly a new innovation.

ZipSeals™ make changing the seals on a drysuit as easy as closing a Ziploc® bag. A ring is attached to the drysuit neck and sleeve and as well as the latex wrist and neck seals. The ring on the suit and the ring on the seals are then pressed together to create a strong, interlocking connection. Here's just come of the benefits:

Never lose a dive! If you rip a seal during a dive trip or on a dive boat, just put on a new one. You'll never miss a dive due to a torn latex seal with DUI Zip-Seals™.

Change your own latex neck and wrist seal in minutes! No need to send in your drysuit for service which saves shipping and repair time.

Packing your gear last minute before a dive and you have a bad seal? This is no longer a dilemma because you can just zip a new one on in 30 seconds.

Renting a drysuit from a dive store and the neck seal is too big? No problem! Your DUI dealer can

zip the right size on and you're ready to go.

DUI ZipSeals™, in addition to being patent pending, are totally different from any other ring system. Previous systems required hard rings to be installed on your drysuit which were uncomfortable at best and, at worst, ineffective. In addition to being distracting, they were rigid making them bulky on people with small hands and too small to put a big hand through. DUI ZipSeals™ rings are made of a flexible urethane that is barely noticeable.

DUI is also introducing Zip-Gloves™ just zip a glove onto your drysuit (in place of the wrist ZipSeal™) for the warmest and driest hands you've ever hand.

ZipSeals™ Pricing Information:

Special Production Drysuits Set \$258

Stock Size Drysuits Set \$398

Lead time on both Special Production and Stock Drysuits is 7-8 weeks.

ZipSeal™ Retrofit through DUI's Repair Department

Retrofits are now available through the Repair Department! Lead time is approximately 5-10

working days and it's only available on DUI drysuits. The retrofit is not possible on some DUI drysuits. E-mail our Repair Department with any questions or call 800.325.8439 x315. Click here for the Drysuit Repair Form. Retrofit existing DUI drysuit Set \$358

Wrist Seals OR Neck Seal Only \$218

Test & Evaluation \$60

ZipSeal™ Parts

ZipSeals, Wrist, Latex \$118

ZipSeals, Neck, Latex \$138

ZipGloves, Heavy-Duty (Blue)

Includes Liners \$168

ZipGloves, Maximum Dexterity

(Orange) Includes Liners Parts

\$158

For customers who purchased their DUI drysuit (not TLSSE or CNSE) between October 2002 and October 2003, DUI is offering a special price on ZipSeal retrofits - the same price as if you purchased it new on a Special Production DUI drysuit! \$258* / Regular retrofit price \$358.

*Please note that all repairs are subject to a \$60 test and evaluation fee.

For more info contact ADU, Bellinghams exclusive DUI Dealer.

The on-line chat line for upcoming dives is still in operation. Add your next dive, search for a buddy, or check on what weather or water conditions have been from previous divers visiting the area. If you have just returned from a dive, add your dive conditions for the next diver, <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/aduscubataalk>.



We're your one stop scuba shop!

ADU's Openwater Scuba Course

ADU now offers a two week scuba training course to accommodate those with busy work and class schedules. Training is still done in dry suits and ADU still provides the books and most of the scuba gear. The difference is, students can now do most of the book-work and watch the training videos from the comfort of your own home. Stop by the store to pick up an informational page on the details. Next course starts Nov 3rd, for \$225.

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Proposed Fishing / Spearfishing Regulations for 2004

These are proposed sportfishing regulation changes for next year. There will be a public meeting in Port Townsend at Fort Warden on Dec 5th and 6th for those who wish to attend.

Option 1:

A) Close Puget Sound boat-based marine bottomfish fisheries in Areas 5-13 when seasons for halibut, lingcod or salmon are not open. Anglers could still harvest shellfish from a boat or harvest forage fish with forage fish jig gear.

B) Allow no retention of rockfish by shore-based fishers in Marine Areas 5-13 when seasons for halibut, lingcod or salmon are not open.

C) Close spear fishing for rockfish in Marine Areas 5-13 year-round.

Explanation: As noted above the landing allowance for rockfish is intended to accommodate incidental encounters that occur while fishing for other species. The primary, target fin fish fisheries in Puget Sound marine waters currently are directed at salmon, ling cod and halibut during specific seasons. When fishing for these key species is not open, then a clear rationale may not exist for any marine finfish openings, given the conservation status of rockfish. Under this rationale spear fishing is clearly a target opportunity and not an incidental catch.

Option 2: Prohibit retention of rockfish – 0 rockfish daily limit. This could be implemented in:

- A) All areas (e.g., Areas 5-13) or
- B) Selected catch areas where rockfish status appears most critical (e.g., Hood Canal [Area 12] and South Sound [Area 13]).

Explanation: This regulation has already been implemented for canary and yel-

loweye rockfish in Puget Sound to mirror ocean regulations and recognize the critical conservation status for these species. The most significant fishery impacts on Puget

Sound rockfish appear to be occurring incidentally during fisheries targeted at other species. While the 1 rockfish daily limit has discouraged targeted rockfish harvests to a large extent, the Department believes that some targeting and high-grading is still occurring. Two key considerations correspond to this option: (1) we do not know whether a total non-retention (daily limit 0) would change fishing behavior and reduce encounter rates and mortality on rockfish; and (2) without an on-water monitoring program, which the Department does not have the current resources to implement, the encounters and impacts of rockfish probably cannot be reliably estimated.

LINGCOD FISHERY DATES

PROPOSAL: Change the open season for the lingcod fishery in Marine Areas 5-13 to August 1 – Sept 15 for angling and August 21 – September 15 for spear fishing. This delays both fisheries from their previous seasons in May and June.

EXPLANATION: Rockfish are caught as bycatch in the lingcod fishery. Making this change will enable us to better monitor the catch, which is currently very difficult during the earlier season, due to lack of personnel.

*Give a friend the gift of
diving!*



PADI

Inspiration Closed Circuit Rebreather for sale

It is time for Ron to replace his rebreather with a new one. Great condition, only 16 months old, \$4700.

The person who takes advantage of this great deal will need to be certified for the Inspiration rebreather or attend a training course. Sorry, cost does not include training.

Take advantage of longer dive time and warm, moist gas to breath.