

Dive Times

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Happy New Year...

We hope this greeting finds all of you healthy and rested after the holidays. I know we are and we are ready to start a brand new year offering more classes and a wider variety of equipment available here at the new store. We still haven't seen many of you, but we hope you as curious about the new store as we are pleased with it.

This year will bring great things for us, the long awaited website should be up and running by the end of February and will contain a lot of info, from trips to classes with a promise of keeping it updated and current! Our web address is www.thedivedepot.com and we'll let you know when we're running.

If you have any suggestions about what you'd like to see here at the store, trip destinations, classes or an experience with us, please feel free to write to us, we're here to please and improve our service.

It's Time to Ice Dive

Dan says it's time to set up the ice house and start cutting ice! The first ice diving certification class is scheduled for Saturday February 18th & 19th. Of course you can also do the ice experience which is doing a great under ice dive with Dan or another Instructor.

Ice class meets here at the store at 8am Saturday for the classroom portion in which you dive plan, go over safety equipment, signals, hazards and emergency procedures. Then we're off to the lake where you will learn first hand about cutting a hole in the ice to dive through and then you will set up the house and get ready to dive.

What you need to do: Come in and sign up for the class or your experience. Costs for class are due at sign up, \$150 for the ice cert and \$50 for the ice experience. Equipment rental is available at a special rate if needed. If you are using your own equipment make sure it is current on maintenance and tuned to or made for cold water diving. Remember you can dive wet or dry, but you must be drysuit certified to rent a drysuit. We can get you in a drysuit for the dive if you come and do the **drysuit classroom and pool portion of the class**. Make sure you have a lunch both days and we will provide something warm for your insides to drink. Looking forward to seeing you on the ice! CALL US 444-3467

Prerequisites:

Must be 18 years old

Must be a certified diver

Must be Advanced certified to do Ice Class Certification

Must want to have FUN!!!!

Spring 2006 Course Schedule

Discover Snorkeling (\$15)

January 28.....Open
February 25.....Open
April 8.....Open

Discover Scuba (\$30)

January 28.....Open
February 25.....Open
April 8.....Open

Open Water Classes (\$325)

January 20-22.....Open
February 3-5.....Open
February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7. Open
March 3-5.....Open
April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24.....Open
May 26-28.....Open
June 2-4.....Open
June 10-11.....Open
July 15-16.....Open

Specialty Courses

Equipment Specialty (\$99 also see info below)

February 11.....Open
April 1.....Open

Ice Diver Specialty (\$150 also see info above)

February 18 & 19
March 11 & 12

Dry Suit Diver Specialty (\$150 also see info below)

Jan 14 Classroom & Pool.....5 spots available
May 9 & 11 Classroom & Pool...Open
May 13 (Open water dives).....Open

Emergency First Response First Aid and CPR (\$25 also see info below)

January 24, 26.....Open
March 21, 23.....Open
April 18, 20.....Open

Equipment Specialty Course

The equipment specialty course is a classroom only specialty course that teaches you the basics of equipment design, care and simple repairs. This course counts toward one of the five required specialties for Master Scuba Diver. For more information follow the link below:
<http://www.padi.com/english/common/courses/rec/continue/equipmentspecialist.asp>

Dry Suit Diver Specialty Course

The Dry Suit Diver Specialty course prepares students for diving with a dry suit in the open water. The course consists of classroom knowledge development, pool skill development and two open water dives to become comfortable diving in a dry suit. You say that you do not have a dry suit. No problem, we now have rental dry suits in the store which are included in the price of the course. This course also counts toward Master Scuba Diver. For more information follow the link below:

<http://www.padi.com/english/common/courses/rec/continue/drysuitdiver.asp>

Emergency First Response First Aid & CPR

The Emergency First Response First Aid and CPR course is a non-diving basic first aid and CPR course which includes Automated External Defibrillator training and can be modified to include child and infant basic life support. There is also a component for First Aid in the Workplace which is what our course will focus on. For more information follow the link below:

<http://www.padi.com/english/common/courses/rec/continue/efrc.asp>

Dry Suits! Dry Suits! Dry Suits!

We now have rental a full line of [White's Dry Suits](#) available for cold water diving here in northern Minnesota. So, don't be cold when you want to go exploring underwater this spring, summer and fall – DIVE DRY. We will also be offering Dry Suit Specialty courses so you can become familiar with diving dry. *Must be drysuit certified to rent this equipment



In Mourning

Before you all start calling and asking who we are mourning over let me say we are not mourning over a who, but a what.

As I write this newsletter December 30th the phone calls have started. You see, today is the day we were supposed to be traveling to Minneapolis and spending the night and tomorrow we would have been in beautiful Roatan Honduras, spending our time barefoot and wet for a week. The plan had been to ring in the New Year on the Prince Albert, the shipwreck in the front yard of Cocoview resort, unfortunately our trip was canceled. I now have a hot pink luggage tag hanging from my wall and I visit the Cocoview website www.cocoviewresort.com and look at the webcams of the boat dock or the dive platform out front, check out the photos from the past week or just sit and sigh....For those of you familiar with our trip you know what I'm talking about, if not you may want to check it out and plan to travel with us, as we are in the planning stages of another trip to Roatan and Cocoview resort. But don't look for us to wait until next winter; we're going before that maybe in August as a last hooray for the season and we hope to work out a easy payment plan so more people can travel with us. Write us or call if you have questions or want to travel with us, we're looking forward to barefoot and wet!