

Dive Times

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We are off to Roatan again in 2007. Our scheduled dates are March 10-17. It is never too early to book your trip, it assures you a spot before the trip sells out. The number one question we get about this trip is where is Roatan? I've included an image of the region so you know where Roatan is located. It is actually a relatively short flight from Houston to Roatan.

Details:

This year's trip leaves the states for Cocoview resort on beautiful Roatan, in the Bay Islands of Honduras, on March 10, 2007 and returns March 17, 2007. Trip includes: 8days/7nights accommodations in AC over the water cabanas, round trip airfare from Minneapolis, welcome drink, 3 full meals daily, BBQ & picnic on the cay (weather permitting)two one tank boat dives and two one tank drop off dives daily up to four tanks, unlimited night, wreck and shore diving, and endless pampering. Cost \$2350*

Note* Does not include anything purchased at the bar or boutique, departure tax of \$30, chamber fee, tips, travel insurance and any extra activities you may want to do such as a night boat dive, nitrox diving, dolphin adventure, island tour or any other side trip that may interest you. Price subject to change until paid in full.

Dive Club News

Dive Club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 7th at 7pm here at the new store. Please bring a list of lakes you may want to try to dive this season. We will cover dive club dives and the benefits of the dive club, a schedule of dives, a day of the week to dive, dive club trips, Project AWARE beach clean-up and date (please bring ideas for a site to clean), and don't forget to try to bring a diver friend to the meeting! Call us with any question, 218-444-3467

Lake Superior Dive Trips

This year Dan will be taking our divers to Lake Superior to dive with Jay at Superior Scuba Charters. This year's trip participants will get to dive the Wilson and the Mayflower, two wrecks that are new to us. These wrecks are in 55-90 feet of water so an advanced certification is a must or do one or two of your advanced dives with Dan while on this trip. You can also do your Advanced open water certification in Ely in June or July and qualify for these dives. The minimum requirements for these dives according to the charter service are: Advanced certification AND 20 logged cold water dives, so plan ahead!

This year's trips are day trips, with a cost of \$75 for the two tank weekend dive trip or \$50 for the two tank mid-week trip. Cost of Advance open water class is extra. You must also provide your own equipment, tanks are included in the cost.

Dates and spots available:

Saturday, August 5th 8am-12 noon 2 spots available

Saturday, August 5th 12noon-4pm 3 spots available

Tuesday, August 8th 4pm-7:30pm 5 spots available

A Little History

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Lake Superior Shipwrecks
Thomas Wilson
Description of the Wreck Event

On June 7, 1902, the *Thomas Wilson* was outbound from Duluth Harbor carrying a cargo of Mesabi iron ore. At the same time, the 2,073-ton wooden steamer *George Hadley* was inbound. As the weather was clear and calm, the captain of the *Wilson* took it out of the harbor before its hatches were closed. Half a mile from the pierhead the tug *Annie L. Smith* hailed the *Hadley* to divert to Superior Harbor, as all the coal docks at Duluth were full. The captain of the *Hadley* ordered an immediate turn to port without noticing the *Wilson* coming toward him or blowing the required whistle signals. The captain of the *Wilson*, leary of the *Hadley's* movements but concerned about running aground if he turned to port, ordered a hard turn to starboard. The *Hadley* collided with the *Wilson* as they each made their turns. The wooden steamer struck the whaleback forward of the after hatch, then recoiled from the impact. The *Wilson* heeled over to port, righted and then began to sink by the bow. Within three minutes the stern plunged under the water, carrying nine of the *Wilson's* twenty-man crew to their deaths. The *Hadley* barely reached shallow water before beaching itself. It was later repaired and refloated. The *Wilson* and its cargo were valued at \$207,000.



Thomas Wilson wreck painting by Kurt Carlson

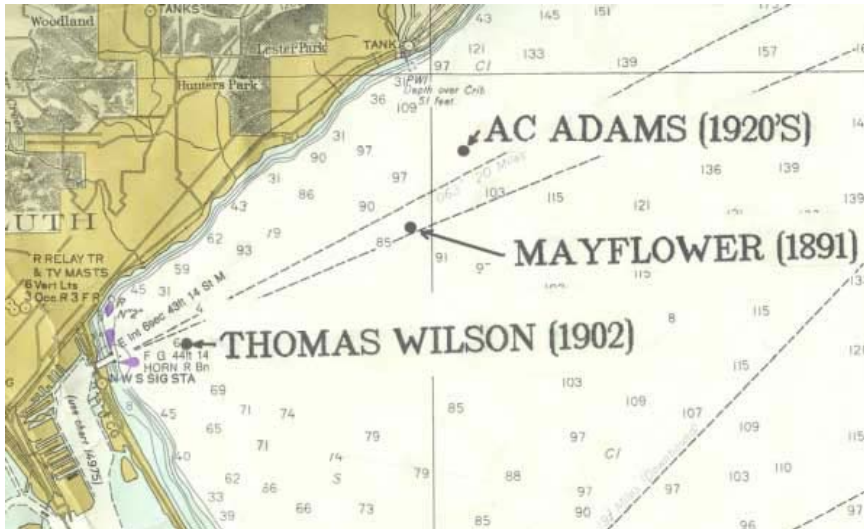
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Brief History of Mayflower

The *Mayflower* was a 147-foot 230 ton scow-schooner built in 1889 which sank in a storm on June 2, 1891. She was trying to make it to the Duluth Entry in a storm with a cargo of sandstone from the Portage Entry; sandstone to be used in constructing Duluth's High School. In moderate seas driven by a northwesterly wind, Captain Zirbest ordered her sails lowered, perhaps prematurely. The cargo shifted when the ship broached causing her to capsize. Three crew members were saved by the tug *Cora A. Sheldon* except for Captain Zirbest, who drowned when he lost grip on the life line thrown to him. The *Mayflower* was a \$9000 loss.



It was discovered in 1991 lying in 90 foot of water scarcely 500 feet off the shipping lane four miles from the Duluth Entry. Visibility is rarely over 10 to 15 feet.

Adventure Dive Tuesdays

It's here; Tuesdays throughout the summer were doing

Adventure Dive Tuesdays! We'll do photography, search and recovery, night, diver propulsion vehicle and more! These will all count towards the specialty you would like to complete. Costs based on specialty class you have chosen.

Schedule as follows:

| Date | Dives | # of dives | Location |
|-----------|---|------------|---------------|
| | Peak Performance | | |
| 6/13/2006 | Buoyancy | 2 | Long Lake |
| 6/20/2006 | Underwater Photography | 2 | Long Lake |
| 6/27/2006 | Dry Suit * | 2 | Long Lake |
| 7/11/2006 | Deep/UW Navigation | 1 each | TBA |
| 7/18/2006 | UW Navigation | 2 | Long Lake |
| 7/25/2006 | Dry Suit * | 2 | Long Lake |
| 8/1/2006 | Deep/UW Navigation | 1 each | TBA |
| 8/8/2006 | Boat/deep/wreck/drysuit | | Lake Superior |
| 8/15/2006 | Search and Recovery | 2 | Long Lake |
| 8/22/2006 | Search and Recovery | 2 | Long Lake |
| | * Class and pool session for dry suit dives will be the Monday evening prior to the dives for certification as Dry Suit Diver | | |

Night Dives:

July 20th

August 3rd

August 17th

August 31st

September 7th

Advanced Open Water Weekends



Dive beautiful Burntside Lake in Ely Minnesota with us as we charter a 30 foot pontoon boat and enjoy the hospitality of A & W Diving. Experience hard sand bottom and structure not found in most natural lakes. Dive an 80ft rock wall, or do a swim through that was just found and dove the first time last summer.

Cost-\$200 plus \$85 for the boat charter, includes 4 boat dives plus a night dive, tanks and weights You are responsible for your own sleeping accommodations and food, though we'll have goodies and beverages on the boat. Call us today or e-mail for information.

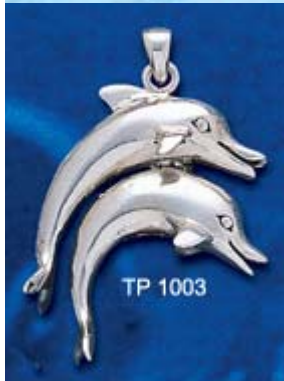
If you just want to dive and not take the Advanced class cost is \$85 for the weekend.

Choose from these weekends:

- June 24 & 25
- July 22 & 23
- August 19 & 20

Equipment News

Start looking for new lines here at the store. There has been a lot of talk about bringing in Dive Silver and we are finally going to try it out. We hope you enjoy and collect many of the different styles and pieces we will have available starting mid June to July 1st. The following is a small sample of what we may have available for all of our divers.



Along with dive silver there has been a call for more color in masks, snorkels and fins. In searching for something new and exciting we have decided to bring in a new line that offers reds and pinks. You've probably seen Tusa's new advertising campaign featuring their new color schemes, I know we did. We will try some of the new colors offered by Tusa within the next month also. We are also considering bringing in a custom wetsuit manufacturer called Atlan out of Canada. There have been so many requests for custom suits we think this is a great idea.

Drysuit Class Dates Added

Drysuit class dates for classroom and pool:

June 26 6-10pm

July 24 6-10pm