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The Dive Season Winds Down

September is here and dive season has slowed down. We see fewer and fewer of you as the temps, both water and air cool down. This season showed an increase in divers doing the Tuesday night Adventure Dives and as a result we certified more Advanced Open Water students than in years past. We found a great place to dive in Grand Rapids called the Tioga mine pit. Dan did many Advanced dives with students there due to the water visibility and depth. We also trained more Rescue divers this season and have one more Rescue class coming up in September. Check out pictures in this newsletter of the Rescue class in action! The trip of a freshwater lifetime was just completed on August 10-13 when the guys chartered MN-Blackdog Diving with Captain Brian Anderson to take them to Isle Royal; this trip was not a disappointment. You'll find more info later in the newsletter. All in all, it's great to see all of you during the summer and we hope you'll consider coming to see us, travel with us or continue your diving education with us this fall and winter. If you need any equipment we hope you'll consider giving us a try so we can show you that buying locally has many benefits including service only a phone call away. Watch for our 6th anniversary celebration in December for deals and specials you'll all enjoy! Until then...



Happy Diving!
Michelle



Fall Festival Time, Mark your Calendar September 15th!

It's Fall Festival time again; check the web page activity section for a downloadable registration form and Liability release for this event. Pre-Registration is required for the event so we can plan for food. Fall Fest takes place at Long Lake, at Clearwater County campground from 11am – 6pm

What you need to know and bring: We supply the food, the beverages, the prizes, the pumpkins and the fun. Rentals are 50% off for the event, and tanks are free. If you have your own tanks you will receive free air coupons good to refill your tanks after the event. There is no air on site. You also need to bring carving tools and accessories to dress up your pumpkin. Come with a plan, you'll have about 10 minutes to figure out what your going to do with your buddy before you get back in the water.

Don't wait rental equipment is first come first served!



Only 7 Spots Left

Scuba Club Cozumel – January 2008

You've asked for it and we are delivering! Cozumel January 12th-19th at Scuba Club Cozumel. Trip cost is \$1850 and due by October 1st.

This price gets you:

Round trip air from Minneapolis direct to Cozumel, accommodations in standard room(double occupancy) three full meals per day and 5 days two tank boat dives as well as unlimited shore diving. Check out their website at: www.scubaclubcozumel.com
Call for deposit details and join us today! 218-444-3467



Congratulations, Bravo's, and Way-to-go's

We have had many students completing certifications this summer and many working on their Master Scuba Diver. A big congratulations goes out to:

Student Name	Cert. Date	Cert. Level
Last Name First Name Middle Initial		
KONECNE CHRISTOPHER C	20-May-07	Dry Suit
SANDSTROM WADE N	20-May-07	Dry Suit
KONECNE JOHN D	20-May-07	Dry Suit
BRUNS GARY L	9-Jun-07	Dry Suit
LINDBERG HENRY M	9-Jun-07	Dry Suit
PRESTBY DEAN E	10-Jun-07	Open Water
HANSON THOMAS R	10-Jun-07	Open Water
TOLBERT MICHELLE C	10-Jun-07	Junior Open Water
JARNOT CRAIG L	10-Jun-07	Open Water
MORRIS MICHAEL D	10-Jun-07	Open Water
HUGHES ALBERT S	10-Jun-07	Open Water
TORGERSON ANGELA G	10-Jun-07	Open Water
SCHWEN DAVID D	10-Jun-07	Open Water
CAOUCETTE JENNIFER J	18-Jun-07	Discover Scuba Diving
DIXON CHRISTIAN	18-Jun-07	Discover Scuba Diving
EVJE DANIEL R	18-Jun-07	Discover Scuba Diving
EVJE TIMOTHY D	18-Jun-07	Discover Scuba Diving
FRAZER BROCK N	18-Jun-07	Discover Scuba Diving
FRAZER STEVE J	18-Jun-07	Discover Scuba Diving
LOCKRIDGE JAMES A	18-Jun-07	Discover Scuba Diving
MATTILA JESSICA M	18-Jun-07	Discover Scuba Diving
RABSTEJNEK RYAN T	18-Jun-07	Discover Scuba Diving
SPIPKER CHASE C	18-Jun-07	Discover Scuba Diving
THOOFT GRACE L	18-Jun-07	Discover Scuba Diving
TIOKASIN CHELSEA S	18-Jun-07	Discover Scuba Diving
JARNOT CRAIG L	19-Jun-07	Peak Performance Buoyancy
CARVER JEN	22-Jun-07	Primary & Secondary Care (CPR/AED/First Aid)
LARSEN SAMUEL S	22-Jun-07	Primary & Secondary Care (CPR/AED/First Aid)
FREEMAN SHARON D	22-Jun-07	Primary & Secondary Care (CPR/AED/First Aid)
WILL DAN R	22-Jun-07	Primary & Secondary Care (CPR/AED/First Aid)
RAWNSLEY KIMBERLY M	22-Jun-07	Primary & Secondary Care (CPR/AED/First Aid)
BRUNS GARY L	22-Jun-07	Primary & Secondary Care (CPR/AED/First Aid)
FREEMAN ROBIN C	22-Jun-07	Primary & Secondary Care (CPR/AED/First Aid)
MURRAY RANDALL	22-Jun-07	Primary & Secondary Care (CPR/AED/First Aid)

WILL DAN R	24-Jun-07	Rescue
FREEMAN SHARON D	24-Jun-07	Rescue
LARSEN SAMUEL S	24-Jun-07	Rescue
FREEMAN ROBIN C	24-Jun-07	Rescue
KINDLE PATRICK	1-Jul-07	Discover Scuba Diving
ABRAHANSON JOHNATHAN B	1-Jul-07	Discover Scuba Diving
BRENNAN CLAIR L	1-Jul-07	Open Water
BURBA-VENNE JAY C	1-Jul-07	Discover Scuba Diving
WERSINGER NATHAN L	7-Jul-07	Discover Scuba Diving
WESTHOFF RYAN F	7-Jul-07	Discover Scuba Diving
ABNER COLE M	7-Jul-07	Discover Scuba Diving
ALFVEBY BENJAMIN D	7-Jul-07	Discover Scuba Diving
BAHR JONATHAN F	7-Jul-07	Discover Scuba Diving
MALONEY BRANDON P	7-Jul-07	Discover Scuba Diving
MEYER ANDREW R	7-Jul-07	Discover Scuba Diving
SCHLEE ALEXANDER J	7-Jul-07	Discover Scuba Diving
KERSTING TRAVIS W	8-Jul-07	Advanced Open Water
RAWNSLEY KIMBERLY M	8-Jul-07	Advanced Open Water
BURBA-VENNE JAY C	14-Jul-07	Discover Scuba Diving
WESTHOFF RYAN F	14-Jul-07	Discover Scuba Diving
WERSINGER NATHAN L	14-Jul-07	Discover Scuba Diving
BAHR JONATHAN F	14-Jul-07	Discover Scuba Diving
ABNER COLE M	14-Jul-07	Discover Scuba Diving
PRICE DAVID E	19-Jul-07	Open Water
RIEDEL AARON J	19-Jul-07	Open Water
BROWN WILLIAM P	19-Jul-07	Open Water
HORIEN RICKY L	21-Jul-07	Primary & Secondary Care (CPR/First Aid)
CARLSON MICHELLE	21-Jul-07	Primary & Secondary Care (CPR/First Aid)
EVJE DANIEL R	29 Jul 2007	Open Water
EVJE TIMOTHY D	29 Jul 2007	Open Water
COLE ALEXANDER T	29 Jul 2007	Open Water
TAYLOR WILLIAM J	4 Aug 2007	Open Water
HAZELTON RACHEL S	4 Aug 2007	Advanced Open Water
HAZELTON SHAWVANE S	4 Aug 2007	Advanced Open Water
SCHWEN DAVE D	5 Aug 2007	Advanced Open Water
MCKEE JUSTIN M	8 Aug 2007	Open Water
GORICK KYLE A	8 Aug 2007	Open Water
COOK MARK F	8 Aug 2007	Open Water
MCKEE MICHAEL E	8 Aug 2007	Open Water
CARLSON MICHELLE	18 Aug 2007	Dry Suit



Emergency First Response First Aid and CPR course has really taken off for us with the new materials for the classroom. This is a non-diving First Aid and CPR course which emphasizes the practical skill development and practice. If you need this class call us today!

Rescue Diver Class

Special congratulations to our newest group of Rescue Divers. Robin, Sharon, Dan and Sam all did fantastic! Here are some photos of the group in action:





If this looks incredibly interesting to you we have another Rescue Diver class starting September 28th-30th, you should be Advanced Certified or if you are Open water certified you can join us for the classroom and pool, but you must finish Advanced class before you can finish your Rescue Open Water dives. You must also have a current first aid/cpr certification. Rescue Diver class cost: \$275 or look up our Master Scuba Diver packages to get a better deal on classes!

Used Equipment

We still have lots of rental equipment to sell and upgrade. Stop by to see the assortment of wetsuits, gloves, hoods, bcDs, fins and boots. We also have some used octo's, a Mk25/X650 gently used, as well as several D400 second stage regulators with no first stages. Regulator bags, and some used mesh duffels. These are all fantastic deals for a beginner diver or if your looking to add something spare to your gear.

In Store Sales

All in stock Scubapro 7mm wetsuits, all remaining Scubapro chairs, all in stock Everflex™ boots, Ikelite PMA lights and PCm lights. Stop by to check the savings. There's still time to take advantage of PADI Diving Society rebates with equipment purchases from Scubapro, don't miss these great deals.

Isle Royal with MN-Blackdog Diving



All Photos By Brandan Schmickle



Bow of the America is only in about 3 feet of water



Dan's next to enter one of many entrances to the America

The trip to Isle Royale was a great time with incredible wreck diving, awesome food, fantastic scenery, and a great captain and crew. The boat is well setup for 6 divers and very well organized. I was amazed at the quality of the wrecks, which are very different from the North Shore wrecks that have been stripped of about everything.

There were three of us from The Dive Depot on the boat; Brandan Schmickle, James McKay and myself. We started off from Grand Portage, MN on the morning of August 10th into the nearly flat calm waters of Lake Superior. ☺ We did our first diving on the Cumberland (sunk in 1877) and Chisholm (sunk in 1898) wrecks which are overlapping and next to each other near the Rock of Ages lighthouse. This is a very interesting dive on two wooden hull ships where you can see the remains of the boiler and paddlewheel. Next, we checked-in/registered at the Windigo National Park Ranger Station, where they have a shower house, and store along with the ranger station.

We left there and headed over to dive on the America. On this dive we swam around the wreck getting oriented to the wreck and entered a few rooms and looked around. We looked down but did not enter the second set of stairs near the stern. This is a nice dive with lots of areas to explore on the wreck, and we were able to find the American flag on the starboard side of the engine. We left the America behind and stayed on the boat in Todd Harbor (I believe).

We then headed over to dive the Emperor (sunk in 1947) Stern section. We had two dives planned back to back which I thought was a little redundant, but with the depths and the number of cool things to look at on this wreck, I could have spent the rest of the weekend diving this site. The first dive was a survey dive to swim around the stern section. Then on the second dive we went over the top of the wreck and then into the wreck, to check out the engine. The fantail had spare propeller blades still attached to it and the mast was still in place.

We also dived on the Emperor Bow section where we were able to find the starboard anchor still attached ready to be dropped. We also were able to swim underneath the wreckage where it is propped up on some rocks. Brandan and James dived the Monarch; I had to sit that one out due to some sinus pressure from the earlier dives. ☹ They reported the Monarch was a great dive with lots of stuff all over the wreck site.

We headed into the Rock Harbor Ranger Station for the night. We grilled steaks and enjoyed a shower. The Rock Harbor Station has a store, shower house and many slips for boats.

The next day was a little too rough for our planned return to the Emperor stern, so we continued our way down to the America for some more diving on this wreck and also a night dive on the America. We spent the night at the Windigo Ranger Station. Last morning and we are headed out into calm seas again to dive the Chisholm engine. This dive would easily have been another highlight dive of the trip, except for the fact that my computer was suddenly not attached to its lanyard and was gone. My computer was diving solo – without me. I looked at the engine briefly and went in search of my computer, but with the depths of this dive I couldn't spend too much time looking. I will have to look again next year – YES, we will definitely be running this trip again. It is well worth it, and I hope to see you there diving some incredible, intact wrecks.