



Changes are a Happening.....

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Upcoming Lake Weekends:

June 21-22 Terrell

July 5-6 Terrell

July 19-20 TBD

August 2-3 TBD

August 16-17

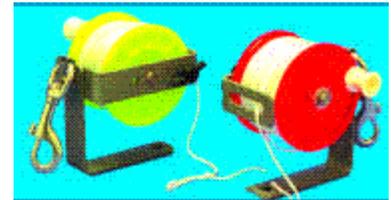
Well, we are in full swing for water sports here at International Scuba. The swim lessons are cruising right along. If you know of someone who needs to learn or wants to work on their strokes, give us a call and we will get them scheduled.

On the Scuba side we are certifying fools. We have made some changes to the back equipment room—see Brian's article on the next page for details. Suffice to say we bought 8 new Nitrox tanks for your rentals.

Walter one of our Assistant Instructors is advancing to Open Water Scuba Instructor (OWSI) over the next two weekends—We wish him all the best. Andrea is completing her Divemaster and will move into Assistant Instructor training next month. We are also pleased to announce that Greg Johns will become a TDI Advanced Nitrox Instructor next month. This allows us to provide you with a comprehensive Enriched Air certification.

- Patti Stewart

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The World of Divers Continues to Grow

The number of certified divers in the world continues to grow and International Scuba continues to contribute to that growth. We would like to congratulate and thank all those divers who completed their certification in April:

Open Water/Junior Open Water:

Dianne Pulsifer
Dale Pulsifer
Melissa Britton
Jeff Britton
Brett Mangrum
Jillene Mangrum
Kevin Koroleski
Adam Norton
Terry Grimes
Amy Tadlock
Joe Barrett
Stephanie Taylor
Barry Owens
Michelle Murray
Brittany Howell

Rescue

Nancy Chandler
Greg Howard
Nick Howard
Gene Howard
Carol Howard

Master Scuba Diver

TK Laux
Gene Howard
Carol Howard

Enriched Air

Rodney Melton
Lanny Sanders

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Air, Nitrox, Trimix

If you've been in lately you may have noticed a bit of dust and some significant changes in the back of the store. Those changes are about complete, and we are excited for what they represent and the possibilities we can now offer. We have a whole new fill station. We are now able to fill not only air, but Nitrox, and yes even Trimix. Along with the changes, the repair room also got bigger (Yeah for me since that is where Patti likes to lock me up at times (grin)).

Most of us have been diving and realized we have run out of bottom time, but still have plenty of air left. Many of us have also wondered about how to get at those wrecks or reefs that are below the 130' recreational limit. Or have you wanted to explore a cave or thought about extended range diving? Well with additional training, and playing with gas mixes, you can accomplish all of those.

Enriched Air, Enriched Air Nitrox, or Nitrox (they are all basically the same thing) can give you the additional bottom time, while still staying in no decompression limits. With Nitrox, the oxygen content of the air is increased, so the nitrogen is decreased. This means you absorb less nitrogen time, so you get longer bottom times and shorter surface intervals. Because of the lower nitrogen absorption, many divers also report feeling less fatigued after diving with Nitrox.

As we've all learned in our open water classes, the deeper you go the more you suffer the effects of Nitrogen Narcosis. By substituting helium for some of the nitrogen in the air you greatly reduce the effects of nitrogen narcosis. This is called trimix. When you hear about people going well beyond the recreational limits, this is the gas mixture that is used. Using trimix does require more training, but it can open up the world of deep wrecks, reefs, and creatures. Imagine going to Truk Lagoon and seeing the history of World War 2 first hand. The number of wrecks off our east coast is amazing. Many of them require extended range training, and trimix diving. Even your standard destinations such as Cozumel, Bonaire, Florida, and the Bahamas have wrecks and reefs that are beyond recreational dive limits.

With the recent changes to the fill station, we can now fill almost any percentage of Nitrox or Trimix. We already offer training for Nitrox, the Enriched Air Diver specialty. Look for us to offer training in extended range diving as well in the future. For those of you who are already trained, we can offer Nitrox and Trimix fills today. We can also order a full range of equipment to support your efforts.

Come by and take a look at the excitement - We think you will like it. Let us know if you are interested in increasing your view of the underwater

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Want Something New in Dive Trip

Are you tired of going to the same old resort in the same old dive destination as everyone else – including lots of cruise ships? What would you say going on a dive trip where all you really knew was that you will have the opportunity to do lots of diving (different types) over a 5-day period?

Say you were given the price which would include air, hotel, diving, and most meals and the dates. At the pre-trip meeting you would be informed of the types of packing required for the trip. Once at the airport, you are then told where you were going.

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From that point forward the trip becomes one adventure after another. You would be given clues and told when to be where and you are your dive buddy would get there. You would build with your buddy the same teaming on land that we build in the water while diving. You will get to do a “true” night dive that begins around midnight. The creatures are once again changing the prey/predator mode at that time. It will be a blast.

We would want all the buddy teams to have an advanced certification. Nitrox is a plus. Additional certifications that would be helpful could include: deep, night, drift, and possibly cavern.

Call or come by for details - as much as we can tell you anyhow.
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Travel — Bahamas revisited—Shark Paradise

If you want wonderfully blue water, great seafood, romantic beaches, and the possibility to dive with Caribbean Reef Sharks come on to Nassau. Brian and I recently accompanied two of our best friends, their daughter and a college buddy for a week on Paradise Island. We stayed in a timeshare just east the Atlantis hotel and took a shuttle to the dive shop across the island. If you haven't been there since Atlantis' arrival- go back. It is beautiful.

We dove with Nassau Scuba Centre that we had used previously and received the same great service. The boat holds 30 divers but we never had more than 15, which was awesome. We had plenty of room to spread out. We also dove Nitrox all week which helped us tremendously especially after 18 total dives. When you are done diving, a simple rinse in big buckets and hang your gear to dry in a locker. No toting gear except for back to the hotel at the end of the week.

The Bahamas are known for two types of diving – wrecks and sharks. We got lots of both. There are the Bond wrecks that consist of a boat and plane used in a couple different movies. The plane doesn't at all look air-worthy but the skeleton has incredible coral and fish life on it. Several other wrecks (upside, Ann, Tucker) we dove had tons of fish life on them. Then there are the sharks. We dove the Bahama Mama

the sharks are interested in eating and the opposite sex. They could care a less about the 10 of us cruising along. The actual feeding dive is fun. It is very similar to the Sting Ray City dive in Grand Cayman. You are slightly overweighted for the 40' dive. You sit in a semi-circle and wait for the feeder who is dressed in chain-mail. The dive is approximately 40 minutes long. He feeds off a stick and by hand. The best part is Bandit, a 3- year old nurse shark that sits at his feet and waits for scraps. He followed the feeder everywhere he went.

When you are ready for some adventure, give us a call and we will set up a wonderful week for you in Paradise.

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wreck that sits adjacent to the shark pit. You make an orientation dive where the sharks cruise in and amongst the divers like curious little kitties. It is mating season down there right now so





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Creature Feature – Mandarin Fish



Mandarin fish are highly popular among aquarium owners, divers, and marine photographers because of their striking beauty. Their body designs of swirls, squiggles, dots, and stripes in improbable neon colors of orange, blue, yellow, and green make them look like something drawn by a five-year-old.

Mandarin fish are one of the tiniest species among ocean spawners, which reproduce by depositing thousands of eggs into the water. Wide-ranging species such as tuna, whitefish, and sardines all belong to the same group, but are much harder to track and study than the tiny mandarin fish, which are only one to two inches (20 to 55 millimeters) long and live close to shore in the shallow waters of coral reefs.