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Spring has Sprung

Howdy!

So how are your allergies doing? My head is ready to explode. Good news that means the water is warming up and it is time to go diving.

We will have a cool Oceanic equipment seminar on the 23rd in Carrollton at 10am. Come check out what's new and get your equipment specialty at the same time.

We are hosting our second Go Pro night on the 28th at 6:30pm. Come listen to a great speaker—James Morgan and see what is next in your diving.

Who's in for Dive Around Texas. We just came from central Texas and a river, what about Blue Lagoon. We had great diving last weekend.

In July we will host our Possum Kingdom Clean-up - stay tuned for details.

We are very excited and proud to announce that we just received the Tec/Rec Dive Center Award! What does that mean?

This is just one of the first steps we are taking to bring the exciting world of Tec/Rec diving to our more adventurous group of divers. Expect to see upcoming Tec-Xplor days where divers get a chance to try Tec for themselves. Stay Tuned for the latest developments.

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Specialty—Dry Suit

Want to stay warm and toasty on a dive? Then dive dry. Yes! Unlike a wetsuit, a [dry suit](#) seals you off from the outside water and that keeps you warm! Even in surprisingly cold water.

The Fun Part

Dry suits let you dive more challenging dive sites, and extend your dive season. When you have the right [cold water scuba diving attire](#), you can stand up to the elements and take advantage of the generally better visibility offered by winter months—especially at inland dive sites such as quarries, lakes, sinkholes and caves etc. As a dry suit diver, you're equipped to scuba dive some of the world's incredible dive sites in the world's cooler regions that are best enjoyed in a [dry suit](#) even in their warmer months.

What You Learn

Gain the knowledge and skills to safely don, dive with, doff and store a dry-suit. Get introduced to the different types of suits so you can make a very informed decision if considering purchasing a [dry suit](#). You learn:

- Dry suit buoyancy control skills

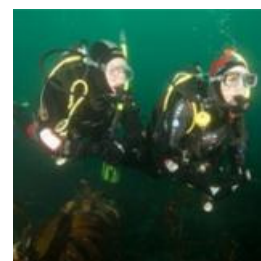
- Dry suit maintenance, storage and basic repair
- Undergarment (fleece or overall-type garments worn under the dry suit) options

Practical skills you'll master in this course:

- Dry Suit Familiarization
- Safety Checks
- Entry Techniques
- Bubble Check
- Buoyancy Check
- Descent techniques
- Fin Pivot
- Hover
- Excess gas in feet emergency roll drill

Your Next Adventure

Scuba diving with a dry suit is useful when diving many types of dive sites. A dry suit is necessary when [ice diving](#) and sometimes while diving. Many technical divers wear [dry suits](#) on almost every dive due to the length of the time spent underwater. The longer the diver is in the water, the more thermal protection is required. If technical diving is something that interests you, check out the [Discover Tec Diving](#) experience.



SPECIALTY COURSE

Course Name	Min Age	Prerequisite Certification	Learning Materials	Scuba Gear You'll Need
Dry Suit Diver	10	(Jr.) Open Water Diver or qualifying rating	PADI Dry Suit Diving Crew-pak (DVD and manual)	Cold Water Scuba Diving Equip., and a Dry Suit

Where are we diving

- Apr 2-3 Blue Lagoon
- Apr 9-10 Blue Lagoon
- Apr 16-17 Athens
- Apr 23-24 Athens
- Apr 30-May 1 CSSP ?
- May 7-8 CSSP
- May 14-15 CSSP
- May 21-22 CSSP
- May 28-29 CSSP

Diving Milestones and New Divers

Open Water

Steven Karnes
Zelda Karnes
Stacey Fisher
Rhoads Fisher
Dax Little
Ashley Little
Greg Swindling
Linda Swindling
Taylor Swindling
Parker Swindling
Matt Ludwig
Kevin Kelley
Matt Kelley
Becky Kelley
Eric Watson
Greg Watson
Charles Watson
Carissa Schwartz
Terry Slattery
Nicole Slattery
Ryan Hughes

Tracy Harrington
Jeff Harrington
Jason Mohl
Erin Neighbors
Traci Boyte
Alan Tamny
Leslie Ward
Bryan Ward
Andy Womack
Kimi Williams
Franze Eberhardt
LeeAnn Watkins
Ro Eberhardt
John Watkins
Tristin Newton
Chuck Newton
Sam Fisher
Amit Rathore
Stephanie Joseph
Allen Spearing
Susan Gore
Chelsea Talmadge
Allyson Cook
Soren Haroldson
James Collins
Jack McCoy
Katherine Moorehead
James Patterson
Robert Lewis
Jessica Owens
Christopher Myers
Anna Paternaude
Malia Paternaude
Donna Kyrias
William Hayen
Michael McGee
Brittany Linkenhoger
Craig Wolfe
Joe Joseph
Sharon Salmon
Geoffrey Burgess
Joe Jacquez
Shalon Janik

Glenn Janik
Brian Adams
Lindsay Raber
Todd Beane

Advanced Open Water

Garvin Ng
John Bamberger
Chris Cody

EFR

Jonathan Hykel

Rescue Diver

Rita Gregory
Chris Mulvaney
Jeff Bradford

Enriched Air

Trent Holmes
Roy Schmidt
Rickey Hill
Craig Moore
Eric Thomas
Kevin Kelley
Matt Kelley
Becky Kelley
Michael Zimmerman
Jarrod Beck
Craig Wolfe
Susan Gore
Lee Ellington
Michael McGee
Ralph Little
Edna Mendoza

Peak Performance Buoy.

Garvin Ng
Rhoads Fisher
Dax Little
Ashley Little
Zelda Karnes
Steven Karnes
Kevin Kelley
Matt Kelley
Becky Kelley
Carissa Schwartz

Rob Rudeau
Tracy Harrington
Jeff Harrington
Kimi Williams
Franze Eberhardt
LeeAnn Watkins
Ro Eberhardt
John Watkins
Tristin Newton
Chuck Newton
Geoffrey Burgess
James Collins
Bruce Potter
Sore Haroldson
Jack McCoy
William Hayen
Michael McGee
Sam Fisher

Boat Diver

Celeste Youngblood
Erryn McGrath

Drift Diver

Rob Rudeau
Celeste Youngblood
Teresa Howard
Janna Charette
Roy Schmidt

DPV Diver

Rob Rudeau

Deep Diver

Teresa Howard
Erryn McGrath
Janna Charette

Fish ID

Teresa Howard

Night Diver

Teresa Howard

Project AWARE

Erryn McGrath

Open Water Scuba Instructor
Darrel Scroggins

**A failure is a man who
has blundered, but is
not able to cash in the
experience.**

- Elbert Hubbard





Have you ever imagined yourself as a **PADI Dive Master** or **Instructor**? How great would it be to share your passion for diving with others? All while getting **PAID** to do what you love most!

We cordially invite you to join us for a very special **PADI GO PRO Night!**

Everyday **PADI Pros** are living the dream thru their local dive shops and even getting sand between their toes in exotic destinations around the world. Can you picture yourself as a Dive Professional? Let us show you how make that dream a reality.

It's possible for you to step up and claim your place as a **PADI PRO**. **Thursday April 28th at 6:30 PM**, Patti Stewart (PADI Platinum Course Director and Owner of International Scuba) along with James Morgan (Executive Vice President PADI Customer Service) and other special guests will share their experiences and wisdom with you. This is a great opportunity to hear from top dive industry professionals on what it takes and why PADI is the way the world learns to dive.

Our **PADI GO PRO Night** will be a fun filled evening that will include:

- James Morgan and Patti Stewart
- PADI South Central Sales Rep. Gordon Apons
- Question and Answer with local PADI Pros
 - Pizza and Refreshments
- Career Path Counseling Sessions

Make sure to Save the Date and join us for **PADI GO PRO NIGHT!**

It could very well change your life as it has enhanced all of ours.

When: April 28, 2011 6:30PM

Where: International Scuba-Carrollton
2540 Marsh Lane # 128 Carrollton TX 75006

Please RSVP to 972-416-8400 or Info@Internationalscuba.com

What's Happening

April 19th - Atomic repair clinic in Grapevine



April 23rd - Oceanic Equipment Specialty at 10am. Learn about computers, bcs, regulators, and make good purchase decisions. \$100. You must RSVP by 4/15 to hold your spot.



April 28th - Go Pro Night 6:30 in Carrollton. Free Computer with sign up for IDC



May 14-15th - Aquarena Springs and Scientific Diving with Dennis, come go with him and learn some Texas History \$230

May 27-30th - Memorial Day in Cozumel with Patti. Come do your check out dives with us there or further your diving with Advanced Open Water. We have a great group. \$1250

June 5th - North Texas Retailers Fun Dive Day 12pm-3pm. Park Entry fee \$20

July 2nd-10th - Bonaire Buddy Dive with Patti - We have one spot left. Come join us! \$1000 plus air



July 16th - Hell's Gate Possum Kingdom Annual Cleanup. Free!

October 8th-15th - Splash in Cozumel is born again - this time called Fun Fest - If you are looking for some great diving, fun events and parties at night, scavenger hunts and other fun activities, join Nancy for the week. \$870-905 plus air.

International Scuba Getting You There...Starts Here!



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We have been in your neighborhood for over 12 years serving your diving, education, travel, sales, and service needs. Who better to take care of you but a neighbor.

International Scuba is a 5 Star Instructor Development Center and one of only 2 National Geographic Dive Centers in North Texas. The stores boast a Platinum Course Director (instructor trainer) and over 70 years of experience amongst the group.

Looking for a change of lifestyle—come see us we can help!

Dive Around Texas 2011

You're a certified diver now, you've got a trip or two under your belt and you sure wish you could do more diving. Many divers think that they need to rack up frequent flyer miles to get in some great dives. The truth is there is some wonderful diving right here in our Great State of Texas! The past several years Dive Shops, Equipment Manufacturers and Training Agencies have come together to promote local

diving thru a contest called Dive around Texas. The entry fee is \$25.00 which earns you a cool T-shirt that is custom designed each year. To be eligible to win some of the incredible prizes given out on October 2nd at the awards ceremony you must complete 12 dives in at least 4 different locations. Once you meet the minimum dives every dive you do after that will get you an extra entry for prizes up to 100 entries. The prizes are awesome! A trip

for two to Black Beards is just one of the prizes. Lot's of cool new gear is also being offered. All eligible divers also get to enjoy a delicious BBQ luncheon during the awards presentation.

The Dive Around Texas has spurred interest in the many possible locations for divers to get wet and log a unique dive. I've dove several places that I never would have thought of till the contest. Some of these

Some of these include Tyler State Park, Flower Gardens, Stillhouse Lake, Athens Scuba Park, Mammoth Lake, Canyon Lake, Lake Travis Lake Whitney, The Comal River, Aquarena Springs, Possum Kingdom, Valhalla Missile Silo and The Super Conducting Super Collider site. Each place has been a unique and special experience.

The diving is often surprisingly good but the greatest part has been the adventure of going to new places and creating memories with new and old dive buddies. There is nothing like a road trip to a new spot. I'm always on the lookout for the next great BBQ spot in some podunk town or the worlds largest ball of twine for a group photo.

Once you have registered for the Dive around Texas 2011 and logged a few dives stop by the shop and get your logbook stamped with the special DAT stamp. I hope to see you at one of the Texas dive sites soon!

Cenote Diving

Join Rich on an adventure to the Cenotes of the Riviera Maya August 24-28!

Have you wanted to try Cavern Diving? Not sure how to get started? This trip includes the Full PADI Cavern Course. You will learn the theory and practice skills here at or local dive park to prepare for one of the most exciting dive trips ever. During your trip you have a chance to put the new skills to the test.

The Cenotes of Mexico (Cenote translates to "well" in English) provide some of the most breath taking underwater caves and caverns in the world. We

will have a chance to truly experience the best Playa has to offer with our local cave expert and instructor trainer Alessandra Figari. You will enjoy adventurous diving during the day followed by awesome dining each evening sharing experiences at the best local eateries.

