

International Scuba News

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Howdy everyone!

Spring is here and everything is turning green, including International Scuba! In our continuing efforts to support the health of our land and oceans and all their creatures, we have started recycling. Cans, bottles, plastic bags—these things make their way from our garbage cans to the sea where they create huge floating islands of garbage. Don't believe me? Google 'Great Pacific garbage patch' and see exactly where that plastic water bottle you just threw away is actually heading to.

If your neighborhood doesn't provide recycling pick up service, you can still make the effort to reduce waste by taking your recyclables to a recycling center (you can search for the closest one online). If you don't have a recycling center nearby, take a drive around your neighborhood and look for large yellow and green dumpsters for recycling. These can most often be found in library, school, and government building parking lots. Every little bit really does make a difference.

Even your local scuba park is going green this spring. The NTSRA is hosting a lake cleanup at Clear Springs Scuba Park during Fun Dive Day, June 7th. (This will be instead of the scavenger hunt mentioned in last month's newsletter). We all love our local dive spot, so let's help keep it clean. Challenge your friends to see who can pick up the most garbage!

There are so many ways to go green this year. Recycling, joining a cleanup, taking a Project Aware class.... Any and all of these are a step in the right direction and can help protect our planet for generations to come.

Cheers!

Your IS Family

- ⇒ *May 22-25: Memorial Day at the Cozumel Palace*
- ⇒ *June 13-14: Flower Gardens (Whale Sharks)*
- ⇒ *July 3-5: Flower Gardens (Whale Sharks)*
- ⇒ *July 22-26: Tulum, Mexico Caverns & Whale Sharks*
- ⇒ *Aug 16-20: Guadalupe Shark Diving, Solmar V*
- ⇒ *August 29-30: Flower gardens (Coral Spawning/ Manta Rays)*
- ⇒ *September 19-20: Flower Gardens (Coral Spawning/ Manta Rays)*
- ⇒ *October 3-10: Annual Cozumel Fun Fest*
- ⇒ *January 2016: Solmar V, Socorro Islands*
- ⇒ *May 2017: Fiji*

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Don't let this opportunity pass you by

Thought you had missed out on the trip of a lifetime? Think again! Two spots have just become available on our trip to Fiji taking place 5/11/17-5/24/17. Enjoy spectacular diving aboard the Fiji Aggressor live aboard followed by a few days relaxing at the beautiful Beqa Lagoon Resort. There has never been a better time than right now to sign up for the trip of your dreams. Call International Scuba today at 972-416-8400 to register. But hurry, there's only two spots available! \$500 non-refundable deposit due at time of reservation.



Diving Milestones and New Divers

DSD

Elizabeth Andrade
Lori Ferguson
Alexis Kolb
Stephanie Matlock
Ashton McCormick
Jacques Morel
Dran Zhelyazkor

Master Seal Team

Mara Haley

Scuba Diver

Alex Nall
Anthony Spencer

Open Water

Riis Christenson
Kimberly Dotson
Will Dunn
Angela Gambaro
Scott Gambaro
Wade Kilgore
Laura Kim
Scott Krieger
Andrew LaGassa
Colin McClure
Jessica McClure
Laura McWilliams
Holly Mitchell
Jason Nall
Stephanie Portugal
Marc Riccione
Guy Rogers III
Deborah Smith
Jared Smith
Lawson Smith

Elora Mae Torres
Lauren Vinyard
Dodd Weyandt
Andrea Wolf

Deep

Mike Kinsey

Enriched Air

Will Dunn
Scott Gambaro
Wade Kilgore
Laura McWilliams
Robert Robbins
Jared Smith

Peak Performance

Buoyancy

Wade Kilgore

EFR

Joe Capra
Kim Davis
Alex Dominguez
Richard Dominguez
Robert Thomasson
Matthew Triplett
Michael Zimmerman

TEC 40

Brent Beck
Todd Burns
Mike Kinsey
Steve Rodak

Elite Instructor 2014

Aaron Bath

Tec 45 & Tec 50

Elon Mehr
Mike Kinsey
Steve Rodak



When are we diving

- April 25-26 CSSP— Terrell, TX
- May 9-10 CSSP— Terrell, TX
- May 23-24 CSSP— Terrell, TX
- More to Come!

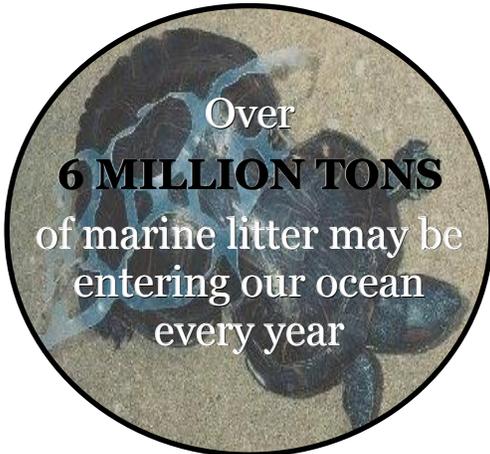


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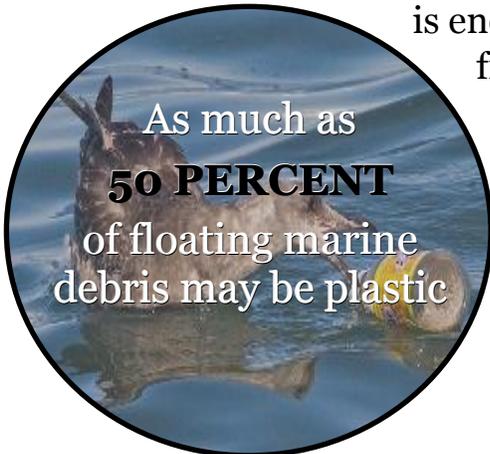
**The Terrible Journey
of Trash**
Brought to you by Project Aware

Most people don't give it a second thought, but humans are the #1 threat to earth's marine ecosystem. Of the garbage Americans produce daily, over half could have been recycled, which is enough to fill the AT&T Stadium from top to bottom once a day.

Do you really know where your trash ends up? Project Aware has put together some eye-opening statistics. For more information, visit www.projectaware.com



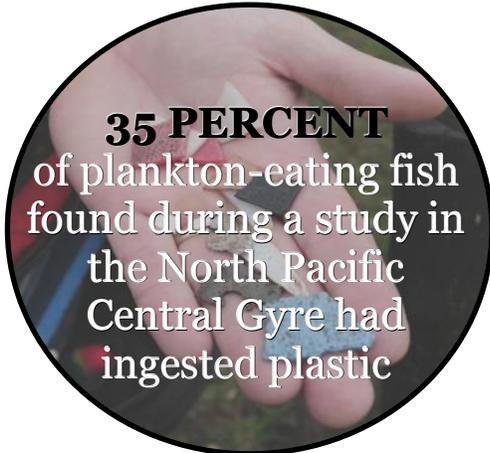
Over **6 MILLION TONS** of marine litter may be entering our ocean every year



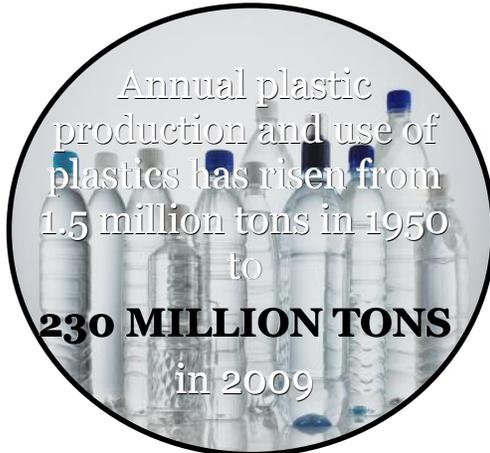
As much as **50 PERCENT** of floating marine debris may be plastic



More than **260 SPECIES** are reported to have been entangled, or to have ingested, marine debris



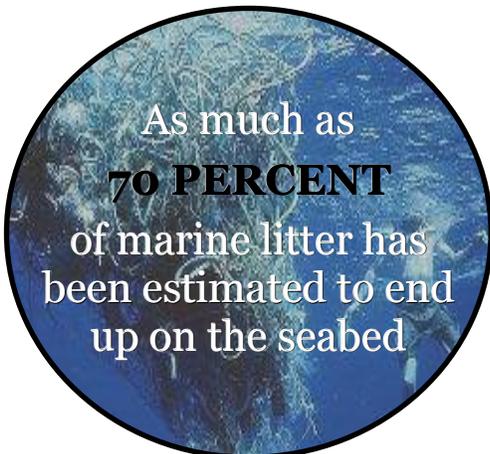
35 PERCENT of plankton-eating fish found during a study in the North Pacific Central Gyre had ingested plastic



Annual plastic production and use of plastics has risen from 1.5 million tons in 1950 to **230 MILLION TONS** in 2009



Between **50,000 & 90,000** northern fur seals are estimated to be dying every year entangled in marine debris



As much as **70 PERCENT** of marine litter has been estimated to end up on the seabed



Research of the northern fulmar (a seabird) showed **95 PERCENT** of dead, beached birds collected had plastic in their stomachs

When you think about the fact that an average plastic disposable water bottle only holds about 4¢ worth of water, it seems a whole lot more economical and ecologically sound to pick up a reusable one. Start recycling today to save our ocean for years to come!



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Tulum—Cavern Trip



July 22-26, 2015

Wonderful Week

Join us for a week of Cenote Diving and
Whale Shark Snorkeling.

Trip includes:

- Taxes
- Transfers
- Continental Breakfast
- Whale Shark Trip
- 7 Cenote Dives
- Park Fees
- Tulum Adventure

Accommodations* at iTour Mexico or Cave
Heaven dependent upon number of travelers

\$1485

*Does not include Airfare (currently \$500)
Must take AA#1343 dep 7:00a on 22nd and
return AA#1077 dep 6:45pm on 26th

Cavern Course Available while there \$400
Prep done before at Clear Springs Scuba Park



*Perfect for those seeking high adventure and non-
traditional dive trip fare.*



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International Scuba is a 5 Star PADI Instructor Development Center with a Platinum Course Director and over 70 years of experience amongst the group.

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

How did you get started diving?

I did a resort course in Playa and it was everything I thought it would be and more! I grew up watching the Cousteau specials and dreamed of diving under the ocean... Dream come true.



Number of years diving? Number of years as professional? How many dives?

I was certified in 1997, became a DM in 1998 and Instructor in 1999

What brought you to International Scuba?

I have known Patti and Brian since 1999 and was happy to join their staff when the opportunity presented itself

Tell us something about yourself that your diving friends would be surprised to learn.

I like to repair and restore old furniture as well as DIY on my house.

If you could leave tomorrow to live in the islands where would it be?



Cozumel. Close to the States for visits to and from and some of the best diving there is!

What is your oddest diving experience?

I had an Octopus position itself on my neck between myself and my tank valve.

What is the one tip you would like to share with a new diver?

Take PPB! And practice, practice, practice. It will make all your diving adventures great.

If you were to come back as a fish in your next life what kind of fish would you be?

Splendid toad fish. Beautiful, reclusive and generally just cool!

MEET THE STAFF
Jim Clingman
"Scuba Jim"
MSDT

