

# International Scuba News

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*Howdy everyone!*

*There is so much happening at International Scuba that it's hard to put it all in one newsletter. A new trip has been added for the 2015 season! We will be visiting Bonaire September 19-27th for some shore and boat diving. This is a side mount/Tec-friendly trip that is also perfect for recreational divers.*

*Don't forget that Fun Dive Day is coming up on June 7th! Meet us at CSSP from 10am-2pm for a lake clean-up, meet and great with the local dive clubs, and to see all the latest gear from our manufacturers.*

*Spots are filling up for Tulum in July (22-26), Flower Gardens over the July 4th weekend, and Fun Fest in October. Don't miss out on these amazing trips! Put your deposit down today to reserve your spot! Don't forget to keep an eye out on Facebook for updates about our local diving, international trips, and gear specials.*

*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)*
- ⇒ *September 19-27: Bonaire*
- ⇒ *October 3-10: Annual Cozumel Fun Fest*
- ⇒ *January 2016: Solmar V, Socorro Islands*
- ⇒ *May 2017: Fiji*

## The Zombies Are Back!!!

Have you ever worried about surviving the zombie apocalypse? Have you invested a lot of time and passion into scuba and don't want to give it up just because of a silly thing like the apocalypse? Then this is the class for you!

Join our team of Zombie specialists at Clear Springs Scuba Park on May 31st for the PADI Zombie Apocalypse Diver specialty course. This distinctive specialty course consists of two dives over which you will complete several challenges that will test your ingenuity and zombie avoidance abilities.

Participants must be an Open Water diver and 12 years old. No special skills are needed. We will teach you all the survival skills you need at a short classroom session held on Thursday, May 28th at 6pm at the store.

SPACES ARE LIMITED! Sign up today in person or over the phone at 972-416-8400. This is a real PADI specialty course and you will receive an official certification card that can count towards your Master Scuba Diver rating. Don't miss out!



# Diving Milestones and New Divers

## DSD

Bikramjeet Sardar  
 Cody Crawford  
 Erica Castro  
 Gage Gambaro  
 Gurisha Kaur  
 Kathy Ingram  
 Kyle Pate  
 Matt Cawthon  
 Nolan Bogan  
 Shelbi Kennamer  
 Sonya Garcia  
 Tiffany Vaughn

## Open Water

Alexandra Kaldrack  
 Anthony Delabano  
 Brent Thomas  
 Caroline Blackwell  
 Clay Walters  
 Henry Percy  
 Jason Lythjohan  
 Jeff Hook, Jr  
 Jessica Usrey  
 John Morrison  
 Laura Lerner  
 Marcus Wright  
 Marissa Bennatt  
 Michael Outland  
 Nicholas Pontikes  
 Noah Morrison  
 Phillip Bennett  
 Sabrina Jonas  
 Tim Bradley  
 Tim Brown  
 Victoria Lawson  
 Walker Campbell

Wendy Veatch

## Advanced Open Water

Mitchell Rhame  
 Wade Kilgore  
 William Rhame

## Rescue Diver

Nicole McClendon

## Peak Performance

### Buoyancy

Alan Toon  
 Bob Marquette  
 Clay Walters  
 Henry Percy  
 Jeff Hook, Jr.  
 Jessica Usrey  
 John Morrison  
 Laura Lerner  
 Michael Outland  
 Nick Pontikes  
 Noah Morrison  
 Philip Lerner  
 Phillip Bennett  
 Tim Brown

## Enriched Air

Jessica Usrey  
 Marcus Wright  
 Michael Outland  
 Tim Brown

## Coral Reef

### Conservation

Wade Kilgore

## Project AWARE

Wade Kilgore

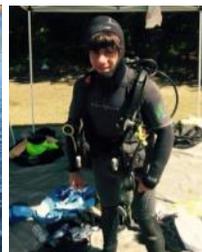
## Deep Diver

Wade Kilgore



When are we diving

- May 23-24 CSSP— Terrell, TX
- June 6-7 CSSP— Terrell, TX
- June 20-12 CSSP— Terrell, TX
- More to Come!



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# Bonaire

## September 19<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

You may have heard that International Scuba is taking a trip to Bonaire in September. From September 19th to the 27th, Rich will be leading a Tec and Side-Mount friendly trip to this beautiful island. Divers will enjoy six boat dives, unlimited nitrox shore diving, and a daily breakfast served Oceanside.

What do you know about Bonaire?

Bonaire is a small island in the Leeward Antilles of the Caribbean. Located just off the coast of Venezuela, Bonaire is known as part of the 'ABC' islands along with Aruba and Curacao. Throughout it's long history, Bonaire has been occupied by the Spanish, Dutch, English, and been a part of the Netherlands Antilles. It is currently a municipality of the Netherlands.

Scientists believe that Bonaire was formed rather recently as a result of a coral reef being pushed out of the ocean. Walking along the beach, you can still see coral skeletons dotting the rocky shore. The great thing about this is that the underwater coral reef surrounding Bonaire starts just offshore, making it the perfect island for shore diving.

Average water temperatures range from 78 degrees in the winter to 85 degrees in mid summer. Visibility averages at about 100 feet. With these conditions and over 470 species of fish, turtles, and invertebrates, Bonaire is an underwater



photographer's dream. The shore access and unlimited nitrox fills means no waiting around for a boat and no limits for technical or side-mount divers.

You can have the chance to explore this diving paradise with Rich Thomas and Captain Don's Habitat, the 'home of diving freedom'. Each set of four divers will be given a Bonairian dive truck to haul their gear to any shore site they want. Bonaire features over 40 dive sites with shore access and dozens more with boat access. Shallow reefs, sheer walls, and plenty of wrecks give every diver their own environment to enjoy.

Spots for this trip are filling up fast and there will be a limited number of spaces available. Call International Scuba today to make your deposit or drop by to learn more about the trip and the optional tec courses Rich will be offering. For information about all our upcoming trips, visit our website, [InternationalScuba.com](http://InternationalScuba.com)

We look forward to diving with you soon!



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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 had been snorkeling most of my life and a friend called me up and asked me to join him in taking a scuba class down in Sarasota, FL in the mid-1990's. I got hooked and then started taking advanced and professional classes at the old Scuba Magic dive shop in Carrollton.

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

I started in 1995 and became professional a few years later (Divemaster, Asst. Instructor and then Instructor in 1998). I have over 1,000 dives with close to half of those being ocean dives from around the world.

### What brought you to International Scuba?

After being a staff member at several area dive centers that have come and gone, I was attracted to International Scuba by its professional reputation in the dive community and the friendliness of Patti and Brian. I wanted to continue my PADI career and International Scuba was the best center in North Texas to do that.

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

I am an active freelance photojournalist for scuba diving magazines with about 35 published articles. My "day job" is being a technical writer for a mortgage specialty servicing company and I started off my career editing newspapers.

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

I would perhaps join Jeff Rudolph on St. Croix (US Virgin Islands) because it is totally surrounded by the Caribbean and is part of the United States so you don't need a passport to get there. Otherwise, does Australia count as an island?



### What is your oddest diving experience?

Teaching an open water class at Balmorhea Springs, south of Pecos, TX, in December with snow on the ground but the water was a nice 74-degrees (so nobody wanted to get out of the water to make a mad-dash to the dressing room).

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

Develop good breathing habits that will translate to good buoyancy and longer dives.

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

An awesome grouper.

## MEET THE STAFF

### Dave Prichard IDCS

