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GETTING YOU THERE... STARTS HERE!

Summer Time & The Diving Is Easy

Hey Divers,

The water is warm and clear. The days are longer and full of sunshine. What more could a diver ask for?

We have lots of fun for the summer ahead of us. We will start a Junior Open Water camp on June 15 and then again on July 6. We have just 2 spots left in Carrollton and only 3 in Garland for June. So let us know quickly if you want to get your younger dive buddy certified!

For all you folks who have been

waiting so patiently for Deep certification, we have a deep weekend scheduled for June 20—21. We're not sure where exactly yet, but we hope we will be going to Lake Tenkiller in Oklahoma.

While summer is here and it is time to dive, let's not forget to plan for future diving as well. We have some awesome trips coming up. There are several Flower Gardens trips, Blackbeard's Live Aboard in the Bahamas, Southern California's Outer Islands Live Aboard (my personal favorite) and Little Cayman among others. Or come talk to us about scheduling

your own personal dive vacation. We will be glad to take care of what ever you need for diving.

On a side note, this year in September, I will be riding in the Tour de Cure for the American Diabetes Association. If you like bicycling and would like to ride for a good cause (there are courses for all levels) or would like to help sponsor riders for a good cause, please call me at the Carrollton store.

Until next month, be safe and go dive!

~ Anthony

Specialty of the Month— Deep Diver

Hi everyone,

I have noticed that many divers are called to explore the deeper limits of recreational diving which is defined by a depth of 60 to 130 feet. The allure of the deep is irresistible to many divers and creates a strong curiosity of what lies beyond. Going to great depths is most often done with a purpose in mind. The purpose could range from pristine ship wrecks, unusual geological formations or maybe a wall dive that extends into the blue abyss. I have often found myself asking the question what might be hiding beneath that big barrel sponge located another 20 ft deeper. Extending our range on this planet and into space has always motivated humans to progress and it's only natural for divers to have the same desire to explore the unknown. At first it is just the thrill of experiencing the less traveled depths that will get a diver excited. Eventually divers will primarily dive deep only to see things not available on a shallower site. The reason for this is that there are several factors that come into play on deep dives that require more attention, gear, planning and limitations such as dive time. The purpose of the Deep Diver Specialty Course is to focus on *making smart decisions for*

a stress free, deep diving experience with an emphasis on safety. Thus, the goal of this course is to bring to light the necessary equipment needed to support deep diving activities, to discourage thrill seeker

attitudes and encourage the proper deep diver behavior of following appropriate limits, and to teach student divers a systematic, methodical approach to enjoying deep diving. Let's talk about some of the topics you will learn during the Deep Dive Specialty.

1. Gear considerations for deep dives- This will include discussion of appropriate regulators for deeper dives. When you are diving deep you need a regulator that will provide you with the performance needed to keep breathing easy and effortless. Not all regulator designs will deliver air as well at depth. Often times a hang tank is desired in case a diver runs low on air or over stays his No Decompression Limit and needs to complete emergency decompression procedures. Deep dives are often colder in fresh water so appropriate thermal protection is a must. Water refracts light so a good light is useful to bring back colors in the ocean and often required in fresh water to see as little light penetrates 100ft of fresh water. To maximize bottom time on deeper dives a computer comes in handy. When drift diving a Surface marker buoy is often utilized to mark where the divers are located during ascent and safety stops.

2. Planning- Deeper dives require planning. Including how much air you will need to complete the dive that will include a safety stop. At 130 ft your air consumption will

be 5 times that of your (SAC Rate) surface air consumption rate. If a aluminum 80 tank lasts for one hour at the surface it would only last 12 minutes at 130 ft. That doesn't include getting back to the surface and reserve of 500psi.

- How does pressure effect objects underwater. Deep dives expose you to pressures 4-5 times that on land. Wetsuits compress and lose effectiveness, BCD compress and air needs to be added to counteract buoyancy.
- Narcosis can be a big factor and something that is a fact of life for deep dives. If you are diving below 60ft you have nitrogen that is affecting your judgment to some degree. How much is different with every diver and can change from dive to dive for each diver. Skills need to be sharp and automatic to answer the effects of Narcosis or what is referred to as The Rapture of the Deep.
- Buddy contact is vital on deep dives because it's not as convenient to meet at the surface if you become separated as it is on shallower dives.
- Emergency procedures need to be understood and planned for to initiate immediately when needed.

For what ever reason you choose to pursue deep diving PADI's Deep Specialty allows you to do it safely and efficiently. During the Month of July sign up for the Deep Class and receive a free underwater noise maker from the PADI Diving Society.

Class Schedules & Trips— at a glance:

WEEKEND:

- JUN 6-7 CLEAR SPRINGS
- JUN 13-14
- JUN 20-21 DEEP
- JUN 27-28
- JUL 4-5

WHERE TO:

- JUL 6-8 FLOWER GARDENS
- JUL 11-12 FLOWER GARDENS
- AUG 1-2 FLOWER GARDENS
- SEP 10-13 FLOWER GARDENS— CORAL SPAWN
- SEPT 19-26 ST. LUCIA
- SEPT 21-26 CALIFORNIA OUTER ISLANDS LIVE ABOARD

- FALL 2010—RED SEA
- SPRING 2011—FIJI

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Our World of Divers Continues to Grow

Open Water (White Belt)

Dakota Hill
 Rachel Langley
 Grayson Langley
 Brian Hope
 Diane Jones
 Shelley Utley
 Cindy Schappert
 Brady Schappert
 Mindy Pfiel
 Bobby Pfiel
 Danielle Uher
 Nabeel Farah
 Sara Donham
 Melissa Steinkamp
 Grant Steinkamp
 Renee Whitaker
 Javier Garcia
 Stephanie Lauriano
 Rachael Weaver
 Melinda Brooks
 Jenni Rudolph
 Michelle Yates
 Javier Garcia
 Joshua Kneeder
 Quinn Segars

National Geographic Open Water

Hayden Hallmark
 Kevin Schneider
 Justin Vick
 Steve Schulz
 Trevis Green
 Frances Green
 Scott Regan

Adventure Diver

Will Markham

Advanced Open Water (Green Belt)

Kay Sellers
 David Shield
 Ken Vidal
 Gabriel Florez

Coral Reef

Susan Nichols

Digital Photography

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 Stephen Dale
 Chris Jagielski
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 Pascale Payne
 Nicholas Amos
 Edwin Cooley
 Eric Wilkinson
 Kathy Jagielski
 Camden Scarborough
 Dan Scarborough
 Sue Troutte
 Sherry Steffan

Enriched Air

John Clark
 Kim Clark

Rescue Diver

Dennis Sawyer
 Tracy Thomas
 Abby Troutte

Computers in Classroom

Teresa Pechloff

Mike Pechloff
 Susan Nichols

DPV

Susan Nichols

National Geographic

Daniel Cho

Naturalist

Susan Nichols

Navigation

John Clark
 Chandler Clark
 Trisha Schmidt
 Richard Williams
 Larry Yates
 Matt Phillips

Night

Richard Williams
 Larry Yates

Peak Perf. Buoyancy

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 Mindy Pfiel
 Bobby Pfiel
 John Porter
 Laura Lake
 Gabriel Florez
 Austin Homer
 Ken Vidal
 Wally Prawdzik
 David Shield
 Stephen Homer
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 Melinda Brooks
 Blake Gordon
 Melissa Gordon
 Alexandra Gordon

Joshua Kneeder
 Donna Rushing
 Joe Rushing
 Quinn Segars

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Susan Nichols

Boat

Susan Nichols
 Daniel Cho

Wreck

Matt Phillips
 Susan Nichols
 Daniel Cho

Master Scuba Diver (Black Belt)

Joe Bass

Naturalist Instructor

Jeff Walters
 Rick Troutte
 Jacob Hunter

Navigation Instructor

Jeff Walters
 Rick Troutte
 Jacob Hunter

Drift Instructor

Jeff Walters
 Rick Troutte
 Jacob Hunter

Milestones—number of dives recognition

Don't forget to email us your milestones—remember you are working hard!

10 Dives

20 Dives

25 Dives

Susan Nichols

50 Dives

100 Dives

150 Dives

200 Dives

250 Dives

300 Dives

Dave Allen

350 Dives

400 Dives

500 Dives



BVI Wreck Week—August 2009—Join Jeff and Casey for an Adventure Need Travel Assistance Let Us Help



At the eastern tip of the Virgin Islands lies a hidden gem, Virgin Gorda. This place is as beautiful under the water as it is above! The British Virgin

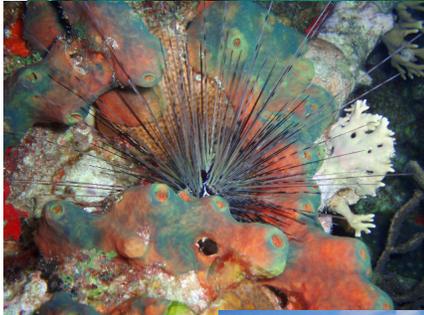
Islands boasts of dive sites of tremendous diversity regarding marine life, structure, and phenomenal wrecks! The depths are perfect for recreational divers – between 50 and 85 feet - and quick boat rides to the best sites leaves more time for diving. Dive BVI's [Virgin Gorda Wreck Week 2009](#) features some of the best wrecks in the Caribbean like the world famous RMS Rhone which went down in 1867, the Japanese fishing freighter Chikuzen, and Wreck Alley where 4 wrecks are home to sting rays, tropical schools, and large snappers! We'll examine the historical significance behind these treasures and dive the reefs that sent some of them to their watery graves.

[Dive BVI](#) invites you to enjoy our island and the stunning dives that surround her shores. This very special [Wreck Week Package](#) brings divers to a relaxing place where history and beauty supply the backdrop for camaraderie and adventure!

This event package includes 6 nights stay at the beautiful [Guavaberry Spring Bay Vacation Homes](#) situated between the famous Baths and Spring Bay. 4 Days of fantastic [boat](#) dives that showcase the BVI's underwater diversity and phenomenal wrecks. The [11 dives scheduled](#) are 8 dives over 4 mornings, 2 afternoon dives, and 1 night dive. We've stocked up on cool refreshments and we'll supply the transportation to and from our dive shop. A continental style breakfast buffet is provided for you each dive morning to prepare you for each adventurous day! Your crew will also serve a picnic lunch onboard for 2 of our diving days while anchored in a secluded tropical cove lined with white sand beaches.

Wait! It doesn't stop there! The week also has 3 exciting party [events](#). Upon arriving, you'll be treated to a cocktail party poolside to meet and greet fellow wreck divers and your crew. You get a fantastic gift bag with lots of cool goodies and an event t-shirt

to wear with pride! We also invite you to be our guest at a Pizza Party & Movie Night featuring "The Deep" - in which the local wreck [RMS Rhone](#) has a role! The last night will be an extra special treat as we host a Beach BBQ while the sun sets on the water. The beach party will also be our site for the weeks contest awards ceremony with prizes from Scubapro, Underwater Kinetics, and SeaLife Cameras! SeaLife has also sponsored Wreck Week with a FREE camera rental for the event if you reserve your space by July 15th! All of this is only \$955 per diver! The event is limited to 20 spaces, so don't wait to book your spot! Your event coordinator, [Casey McNutt](#), is available to answer any questions and assist you with finding the best flying routes for where you're coming from. You can download a [registration form](#) from the Wreck Week website - www.divebviwreckweek.com.



Getting You There... Starts Here!

Wow, what a spring its turning out to be. We've had busy weekends at the lake, an amazing amount of gear coming in for service, and everyone wants to go diving. Patti and I are looking forward to joining some of you on the Cayman Aggressor at the end of the month. For a long time our motto has been 'Getting you there...Starts Here!!!' We are not changing that, in fact we have decided to expand on it, which is what I wanted to talk about today.

Last month you saw we added a travel portal. If you haven't been there go to <http://travel.internationalscuba.com>. You will be redirected to the portal. Be sure to sign up as a preferred customer. It's free and gives you \$200,000 travel accident insurance (so if you get injured on a trip you are covered), as well as 30 minutes of concierge service whenever you make a reservation. You also have access to all the unused RCI timeshare weeks, so worldwide you can get a villa or condo instead of a hotel room for some amazing rates (for example, a week in a condo in Orlando that sleeps 6 for around \$400 for the week, or about \$10/day/person).

Now, we all like to dive, but many of us also have some other fantasy trips, or possibly even other outdoor hobbies (I can't quite imagine that, but I am told it's true). How about getting those trips for 25% or more off the lowest published rate at a 4 or 5 star resort or hotel? We have access to a travel membership club that can do just that. For example, if you want to go to Jamaica, how about \$499 for 5 days, 4 nights all inclusive, Las Vegas for 4 nights for \$99 (total, not per night), Ibiza Spain 5 nights for \$210. The way this program is able to do it is by using amazing buying power. They are booking 200-300 spots at a shot. Some of these have guided tours, others are more of sharing a resort as normal and you can do your own thing if you desire. For more information go to <http://dreamtrips.internationalscuba.com> or come in and talk with Patti or myself.

Stay tuned. In the coming months we will be expanding our travel offerings even more. So where do you want to go? Remember that Getting You There...Starts Here!!!

Happy diving and Happy traveling,

Brian

Please visit our website. We do our best to keep it up to date. Let us know what you think about the site and the newsletter. An important part of our success has been the friendships developed among customers and team. That's part of why we dive.

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CD Corner — New Ventures

Howdy Divers,

New Ventures! As you guys know we launched a travel website to assist you in both group and individual needs. We are looking to put together some amazing trips to places such as Fiji, Red Sea, and points undefined as of yet. Where do you want to go next?

We noticed folks are waiting a little closer to their vacation date to book trips than they used to. There are some awesome deals out there whether your plan or are a last minute traveler.

Something I want to run by you: What do you think of a Wreck Week in the BVI with Jeff and Casey at Dive BVI. They have scored an amazing 7 day/6 night at Guavaberry Spring Bay Vacation Homes for only \$995/diver. Our website currently shows around \$400 for air which is in itself a fantastic deal. Space is limited so book quickly! Call for information. See page 3 for details. Don't wait too long

because space is limited.

The water is warming up and the weather is great. Come on out and come local diving with us to practice buoyancy and navigation skills. Want to be ready for your next trip don't you? Don't forget to try new places so you can gain entries in the Dive Around Texas contest.

www.divearoundtexas.com



Creature Feature — Angel Shark



ices or overhangs.

Gentle it can be but watch out as it does have teeth and can give a nasty bite if harassed or stepped on.

~J

If at first rays come to mind, this guy does give a good resemblance with the flattened body and long pectoral fin, but you are incorrect. If you guessed Angle Shark than you are right on the species! There are 16 known species of these sharks, and most grow to the length of not more than 5 feet. They occur in temperate and tropical seas more found in the shallower depths but one species found deeper.

Some sharks like hammerheads must swim to breathe to get enough water flowing over their gills, but this bottom dweller shark has muscles that pump water over gills and spiracles (holes) in their head. This feature allows them to snooze at the bottom or wait in ambush of small fish. This shark closely resembles the nurse shark who we see under crev-

Next month will feature....

