



International Scuba

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GETTING YOU THERE... STARTS HERE!

Mid Summer Blues (Not!)

Hey Divers,

Are you already back from the vacation you planned for so long? Are the kids bored and driving you out of your mind? Is it just time to do something fun?? Any or all of these are reason enough to come dive with us.

The water temps at the local scuba parks are amazingly bath like and the viz is still good! Local diving may not be Cozumel or the Red Sea, but it is close and inexpensive. What more could you ask for? We

have someone at the lake every weekend, so come join us for fun in the Texas sun!

As most of us know, the only unchanging thing about life is the fact that things change. One of those changes is that Jennifer has moved on from her retail position. She will still be a DM for us and she is currently working on her AI certification, so you will still see her at the lake. Another change is there will be a new face in the Carrollton store. Donna Jennings will be joining our retail staff just as soon as she recovers from the intense sessions of re-

learning Patti put her through during the last IDC. Please stop by to meet Donna and get to know her. She has the same "Far East Texas" accent as Tony Salter, so please be nice to her! Seriously, Donna brings a wealth of experience with her and I know she will be a real asset to our IS family.

We still have a few spots open for the California Channel Islands live aboard trip in September. Now is the time to book before airfares go up again.

Until next month, dive safe!

~Anthony

Specialty of the Month— Wreck Diver

Texas summers are always a challenge to survive. A hot August day has everyone scrambling for a way to cool down. Why not try Wreck Diving? Its PADI's Specialty of the Month and the coolest diving specialty around!

One of the first questions I always get from prospective divers is about what it's like to see a wreck. They want to know how deep they are, what made them sink and what it's like to dive thru a wrecked ship. I think wreck diving is what drives some exploration by many people. Thoughts of sunken treasure are often in the minds of those who haven't experienced the thrill of a wreck dive.

During the PADI Wreck Specialty you will find the real treasure lies in the beauty found in the way that the oceans reclaim these fallen vessels. One goal of the wreck specialty course is to teach divers to "Respect the Wrecks". Wrecks need protection so that future divers can learn from and enjoy the wide variety of wrecks worldwide. Divers need to look, take pictures and leave only bubbles. If every diver that visited a wreck to a memento home the wrecks would be stripped bare and little would be left for future divers to see. Wrecks are also transformed into living things shortly after they settle on the bottom. Fish come in all sizes to live in and around the relative safety a solid structure provides. Shortly after that coral will begin to take hold and flourish adding

bright colors to the wreck and encouraging even more fish to move in. Eventually the wreck becomes a part of the reef.

Wrecks are now being sunk on purpose because of the benefits provide by artificial reefs. In the past few years there have been a dozen ships intentionally sunk as part of the Ships to Reefs project. This is great news for divers. We are getting new opportunities to explore exciting new sites and at the same time creating new reefs for fish to thrive.

Before heading out to explore the exciting world of wreck diving you need to equip yourself with some information that will allow you to get the full enjoyment out of each dive. There is no better way than by earning PADI's Wreck Diver Certification.

What You Learn

- Techniques for diving exploring shipwrecks, and how to avoid common hazards
- How to research and learn the background of your favorite wrecks
- Wreck scuba diving equipment considerations
- Considerations and techniques for entering intact wrecks

Experience in planning, organizing and making at least four wreck dives under the supervision of your PADI Instructor

Best of all Wreck Specialty is the

August specialty of the month. Anyone who signs up in August will receive PADI's Wreck Diver cap worn by experienced wreck diver the world over.

You may ask if wreck diving is readily available locally? The good news is that we have some of the best wrecks for training right here in our own backyard. At Clear Springs alone we have access to 2 boats, an American Eagle Airliner and a unique metal shark sculpture that can simulate a wreck very well. Most of the local dive sites have a wreck attraction of some sort because divers love to have something to dive on. Larger wrecks are nearby with the Texas Clipper down off the Texas Coast and The Mighty Oriskany in Pensacola, FL measuring in at 904.

Call or stop by today and get started on your Wreck Diving Adventure!

Cheers,
Rich

Class Schedules & Trips— at a glance:

WEEKEND:

- JUL 18-19 CSSP / PK
- JUL 25-26 CSSP
- AUG 1-2 CSSP
- AUG 8-9
- AUG 15-16

WHERE TO:

- 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)

Dustin Hoyt
 Ty Bailey
 Sinan Sammour
 Nicole Fahey
 Andrew Johnson
 Bilal Suboor
 Nadia Hadi
 Caitlin Story
 Connor Posavitz
 Macklin Moore
 Donnell Welch
 Priyank Desai
 Kevin Hanson
 Kyle Larson
 John Cotton
 John Woolf
 Brock Solomon
 Alex Dahl
 Justice Burkhart
 Josh Broadbent
 Perry Christensen
 Chip Harding
 Kandi Wheeler
 Allyssa Flores
 Adam Ramage
 Alex Gonzales IV
 Stephanie Coppedge
 Shantelle Wheeler
 Stephanie Lauriano
 Melinda Brooks
 Rachel Weaver
 Xiaolei Lohse-Liu
 Jens Lohse
 Pierto Salluzzo
 Kathleen McCulloch
 Alyssa Mervine
 Amy Darchuk
 Joshua Kneedler

National Geographic

Open Water
 Daygan Squires
 Rick Gunter
 Amy Gunter
 Austin Ellis
 Scott Regan
 Kostas Lazanas
 Holly Lazanas
 Carl Lacy

Adventure Diver

Advanced Open Water

Joe Munoz
 Eric Brown
 Ken Vidal
 Gabriel Florez

Boat

Coral Reef

Daniel Cho

Digital Photography

DPV

Eric Brown
 Joe Munoz

EFR

Austin McKinny
 Amy McKinley

Enriched Air

Joe Munoz
 Linda Munoz
 Joe Einig
 Richard Williams
 Sherry Steffan

Leslie Phipps
 Alistair Giles
 Nathalie White
 Thomas Oglin

Fish ID

Lisa Medwedeff

Multilevel

Susan Nichols

National Geographic

Naturalist

Navigation

Daniel Cho

Night

Susan Nichols

Peak Perf. Buoyancy

Donnell Welch
 Adam Ramage
 Melinda Brooks
 Blake Gordon
 Alexandra Gordon
 David Gordon
 Melissa Gordon
 Amy Darchuk
 Donna Rushing
 Joe Rushing
 Quinn Segars
 Joshua Kneedler

Project AWARE

Daniel Cho

Rescue Diver

Master Scuba Diver (Black Belt)

Daniel Cho

Dive Master

Dennis Maurer
 Kirk Jones
 Jennifer Jones

EFR Instructor

Tracy Thomas
 John Devine
 Garrett Nelson
 Jason Goostree
 Chris Brock

Assistant Instructor

Garrett Nelson
 Jason Goostree
 Chris Brock
 Jennifer Jones
 Kirk Jones
 John Devine

Navigation Instructor

Garrett Nelson
 Jason Goostree
 Chris Brock
 Jennifer Jones
 Kirk Jones
 John Devine
 Donna Jennings

Nitrox Instructor

Garrett Nelson
 Jason Goostree
 Chris Brock
 Jennifer Jones
 Kirk Jones
 John Devine
 Donna Jennings

Milestones—number of dives recognition

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

10 Dives

Ruth Bernhart

20 Dives

Jeff Strong
 Mayve Strong
 Tressa Marbach

25 Dives

150 Dives

50 Dives

100 Dives

Fred Bernhart

200 Dives

300 Dives

Dave Allen

350 Dives

400 Dives

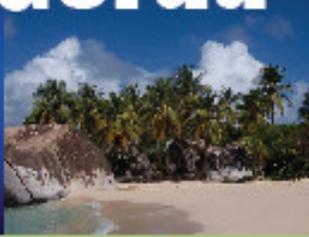
500 Dives





DIVE BVI

Virgin Gorda - Wreck Week



August 9-15, 2009

JOIN DIVE BVI FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE WEEK OF WRECK DIVING FUN!

6 Nights & 4 Days Diving from Virgin Gorda

\$955/per diver

Dive BVI invites you to enjoy the beautiful island of Virgin Gorda and the beautiful 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!

What is Included:

6 Night Stay at the beautiful Guavaberry Spring Bay Vacation Homes situated in a tropical paradise between the famous Baths and Spring Bay. Your home is a close walk down a private path to the beach. The package rate is based on double occupancy per room which can be 2 single beds or one queen (2 bedroom units) with the ability to book as a single occupancy room or even in a private home. All taxes and fees are included.

4 Days of boat diving (11 dives total). Our custom dive boats are not crowded and provide the perfect balance of sun and shade, easy entry and exit, and upper deck seating for the best views. The dive boats are set up with soft drinks, ice cold water, and snacks as well. We supply the transportation to and from Dive BVI's shop!

This exceptional week also has 3 fantastic party events. Upon arriving, you'll be treated to a cocktail party poolside to meet and greet fellow wreck divers and your crew. 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 of the events will be an extra special treat as we host a Beach BBQ Buffet while the sun sets on the water. A continental style buffet breakfast is provided for you each dive morning.

This exciting week is full of even more fun with chances to win fantastic prizes from Scubapro, Underwater Kinetics, SeaLife Cameras, and the Grand Prize - another great trip to Virgin Gorda with 6 nights and 4 days of diving!

Complete Package:

- 🕒 6 nights accommodation
- 🕒 4 Days Diving - includes 1 night dive
- 🕒 Breakfast for 4 dive days
- 🕒 Lunch for the 2 scheduled 3-tank days
- 🕒 Pizza Party Movie Night
- 🕒 Farewell Beach BBQ
- 🕒 Transfers to and from Dive BVI Shop
- 🕒 Drinks, water, snacks on Dive Boat
- 🕒 Complimentary Wash and Storage of Private Gear

BOOK NOW!! SPACES LIMITED!

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 Faces

Howdy Divers,

I thought I would make some introductions as many of you have noticed new faces in both locations.

In Carrollton, Deanna Gadt is a summer intern and will return to Texas State for the Fall semester. She is an AOW diver working on Rescue Diver and eventually Dive Master. You will see her on school breaks and also next summer.

Next is Donna Jennings, she comes to us from England by way of Delaware. She is an Open Water Instructor looking to move up the PADI ranks and eventually put sand between her toes on a regular (daily) basis. Donna traded in the corporate world for shorts and sandals. Wow does that sound familiar.

Finally, you all know Jennifer Long, she took a small break and is back!. We look forward to her cheerful disposition and great DM skills.

In Garland, Alistair Giles joined us mid-May after Aggieland bid a tearful goodbye. He will graduate and be commissioned in the Army as a 2nd Lt. In mid-August. He reports to active duty in February but we have him until then.

Next, Nathalie White, a recent graduate of Mesquite High School. Nathalie begins DBU in the fall but will stay on for weekends school permitting. Nice to balance out the thorns, oops boys with a rose.

Finally, Tracy Thomas, will be joining the team very soon as a Dive Master candidate and soon to be instructor probably next summer. She was bitten by the scuba bug and like many before her isn't going back to the corporate world. Woohoo!

Welcome to the International Scuba Family!



Creature Feature — Bottle Nosed Dolphin—Flipper

Who doesn't know what this guy's name is. It is a bottle nosed dolphin. If you are old enough you remember the TV show Flipper. Okay—I am dating myself.

We love to see them play in the bow wake of a moving boat and we will ask the captain to let us savor the moments. If now we can dive with them what a wonderful world it would be.

Many of you know they use dolphins as therapy for learning disabled folks and you get to play with them at a Dolphin encounter in the Caribbean.

They like to live in the temperate and tropical waters worldwide. Did you know scientists recognize to dolphins having 2 forms: coastal and offshore. In the northwest Atlantic, the differences manifest itself in the skull and body measurements as well as their blood. The coastal forms have a smaller body and a larger flippers for increased maneuverability.

Some move seasonally based on the availability of food fish and water temperatures.

Best news they are not endangered. Worldwide population is unknown as a whole. The US National Marine Fisheries surveys estimate 243,000 in the eastern tropical Pacific. The

Japanese survey estimates 316,000 in Northwest Pacific. The Gulf of Mexico alone estimates 45,000. That is a lot!!!!

Did you know they average 5-11 kph in speed but have been clocked at 29-35 kph. Wow!

When they fish they don't typically have to go very far to catch dinner. They typically can go down for up to 12 minutes at a time. Unlike humans, marine mammals don't get decompression sickness. Their tissues saturate around 2 atmospheres. We could be so lucky.

Did you know they sleep 33% of the day. Studies show that they let one hemisphere of the brain sleep at a time. Man can I become a dolphin!

There are lots more cool facts on dolphins and we could go on for pages. We will stop now so as not to bore you.

Happy Diving

