



Alberta Adventure Divers May 15, 2012

Pool sessions: The Seals, Divemaster candidates and school Discover Scuba classes have had some great pool time in April and May. I hope you enjoy the pictures as much as we enjoyed the diving! By the way, in some pictures the divemasters look like they are in a deadly fight for equipment. Believe it or not, they are working on a legitimate DM exercise. I have never laughed so hard underwater as when supervising this activity.



Dive night: Fair warning – you have 21 days to dust off your gear, lube up dry suit zippers, check that the wet suit has not shrunk, get a fresh dive medical if you have any concerns or ‘Yes’ answers and wish to take more courses this summer, clean your mask, etc. Dive night returns on June 5! We have been servicing a phenomenal number of regs and dry suit seals this spring, as our divers are itching to get underwater again. I am so excited – we have a portable fireplace to cozy up to, roast marshmallows on, and entertain our surface support.

Clear Lake dive report: The ice went out on April 24th. The first dive of the year was five days later, by Jesse and his buddies from Edmonton. This was the first dive in Alberta this year, that we know of, with no ice overhead. The visibility was an astounding 3', water temp was 37F. Don't worry, this will improve, as the lake always turns over when the ice melts. Yesterday we saw Dave Pohl and he reports that Twin Lake diving was just as good last weekend – he saw items as he ran into them. We did not get the visibility report from Jasper, but last weekend the wardens were particularly friendly to the divers.



Jasper Aquathon: Help celebrate the AUC's 50th Anniversary of the Jasper Aquathon on the May Long Weekend: May 19/20th, 2012. It is a fun-filled weekend, full of events for everyone to enjoy – from river race to lake cleanup dives to fun dive events on Sunday am. Please see all the details on the attached & join in the fun. All are welcome, even if you can just want to re-connect with old diving friends & join for lunch on Saturday (at Old Fort Point), the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday (at Lake Edith) or BBQ on Sunday night (at Wapiti, Section RR)! Please forward this onto to all your dive buddies.

Treasure hunting: David and I so wish we could attend next weekend – we have been to so many Aquathons over the years. This year we will be diving the Atocha in Florida again – David is determined to come back with his own 400 year old treasure. I think he is jealous of Kevin H and my pottery shards.



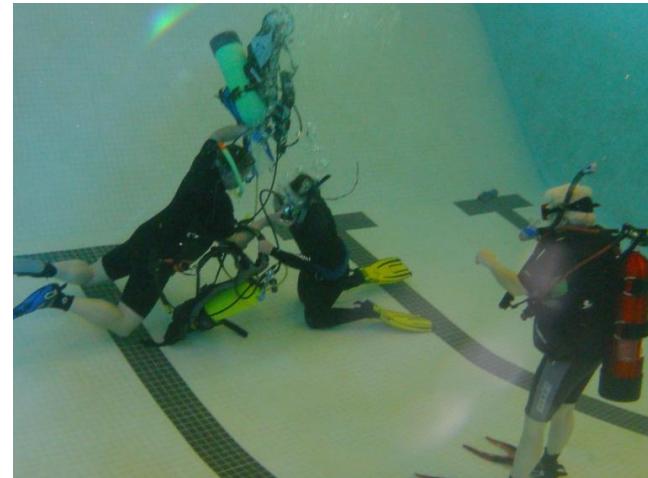
Open water classes: The

June class in Lloydminster has only four spaces left. The July class in Wainwright does have lots of room left. We can email more details if you know someone who is interested.



PADI Member forum: David and I were in Edmonton yesterday evening, May 14, to learn what is new and shaking in PADI's world. Randy Giles of PADI Canada presented it, and we had a great time visiting with him and other instructors and store owners afterward.

PADI Advanced course e-learning: this course has been tweaked – in addition to the seven adventure dives that are reviewed on-line, PADI now has a PDF version of the Adventures in Diving manual on line. This allows divers to choose any of the other adventure dives they wish to do. So, for the divers that have been asking about getting a head start on their Advanced course, go ahead and sign up for elearning - go to our website: www.albertadivers.ca, go to the training page and click on the PADI e-learning link. Although you complete the seven adventure dive theory and knowledge reviews on line, as well as any others you choose to, you only do five dives with an instructor - which always includes Night, Deep and Nav. For the seven dives which you get credit for on line, you do not need to review the knowledge reviews again with us – just do the dives.



Scuba tune up: Do you really want to join us for a dive, but it has been a while since you took your Open Water lessons? Sign up for a scuba tune up – use the same link above in the Advanced e-learning, and click on ‘scuba tune up’.

Project Aware: divers supporting the aquatic environment: have a renewed focus is on sharks and marine debris. Anyone who knows Connie knows how she respects sharks and appreciates their important position in the ecosystem. With many reefs having a 90% decrease in their shark population – sadly often due to shark finning, we need to educate the wider land population as to the importance of protecting sharks. The marine debris focus is very timely, with the Japanese tsunami debris field approaching the BC border, and the large mid-Atlantic garbage heap growing at an alarming rate. It all starts with taking care of our own garbage. We will continue with lake clean ups on every dive, and also by promoting donations to Project Aware by our dive students with getting the special Project Aware PADI certification card.

Rebreather: David can hardly contain himself – the rebreather manufacturers are working closely with PADI to improve the safety in rebreathers, and make them more user friendly to open water divers. If all goes according to plan, David will complete his certification to teach Inspiration rebreathers in June. We are one of the very few shops to have two rebreathers, so you can learn to use one without having to purchase your own.

More: watch for info on PADI eCards, green star award, ScubaEarth...but this newsletter is already long enough.



Boat for sale: Looking a boat? A diver has one for sale – this is not our inflatable boat, but it must be very similar. We have never seen it, or a picture of it, but I said that we could pass on the information. Details are at the bottom of the newsletter.

See you soon,
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Contact Thomas if you are interested: For Sale
12 1/2 foot Mercury Quicksilver inflatable with wood floor
transom wheels for easy transport of inflatable
25hp Mercury Mariner motor, wood case to transport motor
repair kit, air pump, paddles, fuel tank
maintenance items include oil, gear lube with pump
Boat and motor are in excellent shape - great for diving/fishing
Asking \$4000.00
Call 780-875-4428 or cell 780-871-1940 to view. thnatko@telusplanet.net
Thanks, Thomas Hnatko