Alberta Adventure Divers - May 26, 2013

Gear Servicing
Open Water Course Information
Father's Day

Clear Lake Update – Only two weeks remain until the first dive night of the season!
Dive night returns on Tuesday June 4 and will continue every Tuesday throughout the summer, weather permitting. If you need equipment rentals, call or email us and we will pack them for you!

The first reported Clear Lake dive of the season took place on May 11. Chris, Jeremy, Yann and Dan did two dives just after the ice melted. Except for Chris, this was the first time these divers dove in Clear Lake. Water temperature was 38 degrees. Below the thermocline and visibility was not too bad until it got stirred up. The divers reported that the course is still in good shape for the most part, all lines are intact except from the dock to Titanic Jr.

The dive store now moves to summer hours: open full time 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday, and on call for evenings and weekends when we are not diving.

Preparing for the Upcoming Dive Season: Now that the temperature is warming up a bit, hopefully you are planning for the first dives of the summer. Dive night returns on June 4. Here are some tips to get you into the water in the best shape possible.

Servicing – Some of your dive gear needs regular services. Regulators need particular attention but anything with valves may benefit from the careful eye of a technician. Servicing can take time especially when it is really busy just before the start of the season. Get a head start by dropping in your gear early. Do your own servicing assessments by checking other aspects of your gear yourself. Check your clips to make sure none of them have seized up, make sure all your electrical equipment (dive computers etc) have full battery charges.
Take a look at the seals on your dry suit to ensure they have not become brittle in the offseason. Wax any zippers that require waxing. Regular cleaning and lubrication helps zippers last the lifetime of the suit. Without proper care, zippers degrade and need costly replacement. We have a supply of ZipTech and MaxWax in the store should you need a lubricant for your zippers.

Stinky Gear - Cleaning your wetsuit, booties, hood, gloves etc – Does your dive gear smell funky? Not to fear, a good wash with McNett Mirazyme cleaner will have your gear smelling fresh in no time. Everyone should have this at the ready for skunk encounters with their dog, and any musty, smelly items you have which need to be freshened up.

Protecting your gear from the summer sun – Spraying your plastic and rubber gear with a UV Tech Treatment will help to maintain your gear's suppleness and flexibility. UV Tech is also a great way to keep colors from fading on your PFDs.

Make sure you are stocked up on dive essentials such as defog. Come in to the store to check out FrogSpit, our newest defog. It lasts for multiple dives and comes in 3 sizes. If you find that your mask is fogging, even with defog, or you have purchased a new mask, try cleaning it with SeaBuff. SeaBuff removes dirt, algae, mold and other contaminants that interfere with anti-fog performance.

PADI Open Water classes: The pools are booked, our dates are confirmed – these are the only dates that are available this summer.

Wainwright OW: June 7 (pm), 8 and 9 at Wainwright Pool and June 15 & 16 at Clear Lake.
Lloydminster OW: July 26 (pm), 27 and 28 at the Lloydminster Pool and Aug 10 and 11 at Clear Lake.

Cost: The basic course is $480 plus $138 PADI e-Learning fee. This includes pool and equipment rentals for both weekends and instruction from our fantastic pro-staff.
You can begin e-learning (theory – on line learning) at any time. One student has already completed his, and a couple of students have completed their e-learning and pool sessions, and are anxious for the lake! Don't worry, you have plenty of time – even for the June course.
A $200 deposit holds your place in the class.

Extras to consider: Learning in a Dry suit is the most popular option, and so is learning to dive with a dive computer from your first dive. David is finalizing details on his 'Platinum course' which will also include the purchase of the best of personal dive equipment: mask/snorkel/fins/booties/mouthpiece. Please pass this information on to anyone you think may be interested in learning to scuba dive, and we will forward additional details to them.

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See you soon,
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Dry bags of all sizes
Rash guard shirts – protection from the sun

Plus a whole store full of ideas for the diving dads!