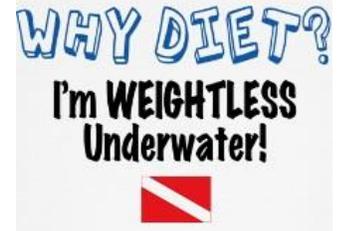




Alberta Adventure Divers – Jan 31, 2014



**Pool time: Feb 8 – join us!**  
**Dive travel: Fiji**

**Happy New Year!** Hope you are having a great start to 2014.

**Sea Cadets:** Dive buddies, you have to hear about this great bunch of kids. The Sea Cadets is a youth group based in Wainwright – which is a long way from the nearest 'sea'. They work hard to find water to sail in, and do water based activities. As scuba diving is done in water, for many years they have participated in our Discover Scuba program. Every year they are excited about it and leave wanting more. Well, they had a great year of fund raising in 2013, and the entire group is signed up for scuba lessons this spring. They are now starting their on-line learning!!!! The plan is to complete the theory, pool sessions and lake dives by the end of June.



**Pool session: Feb 8** We have the pool – come join us!!

**Discover Scuba:** If you know anyone that wants to try scuba, have them contact me. Cost is \$40.

**Open Water:** I have had a number of people asking – we can fit in Open Water students on Feb 8 (and 9). If you were planning a winter holiday and want to dive, this is your chance – but you do have to do dive theory on line as well!

**Dive travel:** Our winter trip to Fiji is only two weeks away. I am so excited I can hardly sleep. All my dreams are about the fishies waiting to dive with me!

While we are away, Angie will be available if anyone needs something from the dive store.



**Ice dive:** Nothing planned yet – ice conditions were poor in early Jan, will keep checking.

**Travel stories:** The best part of a holiday is the 'show and share' of different stories and dive adventures. I just have to share the article below – lots of good giggles – especially #19.

See you at the pool!

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**THESE ARE ACTUAL COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY "THOMAS COOK VACATIONS FROM DISSATISFIED CUSTOMERS :**

1. "I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local convenience store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts."
2. "It's lazy of the local shopkeepers in Puerto Vallarta to close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during 'siesta' time -- this should be banned."



3. "On my holiday to Goa in India , I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food."
4. "We booked an excursion to a water park but no-one told us we had to bring our own swimsuits and towels. We assumed it would be included in the price"
5. "The beach was too sandy. We had to clean everything when we returned to our room."
6. "We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white but it was more yellow."

7. "They should not allow topless sunbathing on the beach. It was very distracting for my husband who just wanted to relax."
8. "No-one told us there would be fish in the water. The children were scared."
9. "Although the brochure said that there was a fully equipped kitchen, there was no egg-slicer in the drawers."
10. "We went on holiday to Spain and had a problem with the taxi drivers as they were all Spanish."
11. "The roads were uneven and bumpy, so we could not read the local guide book during the bus ride to the resort. Because of this, we were unaware of many things that would have made our holiday more fun."
12. "It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England. It took the Americans only three hours to get home. This seems unfair."
13. "I compared the size of our one-bedroom suite to our friends' three-bedroom and ours was significantly smaller."
14. "The brochure stated: 'No hairdressers at the resort'. We're trainee hairdressers and we think they knew and made us wait longer for service."
15. "There were too many Spanish people there. The receptionist spoke Spanish, the food was Spanish. No one told us that there would be so many foreigners."
16. "We had to line up outside to catch the boat and there was no air-conditioning."
17. "It is your duty as a tour operator to advise us of noisy or unruly guests before we travel."
18. "I was bitten by a mosquito. The brochure did not mention mosquitoes."
19. "My fiancé and I requested twin-beds when we booked, but instead we were placed in a room with a king bed. We now hold you responsible and want to be reimbursed for the fact that I became pregnant. This would not have happened if you had put us in the room that we booked."

