



**Alberta Adventure Divers
Jan 23, 2020**

It's time to dive!
BC Family Day weekend trip
Pool sessions: Lloyd and Red Deer



The cold snap has broken; the snow is shoveled – let's go diving!
It's great to keep busy in the winter.
Join us in a pool session, or for a little get-away in BC!

Lloydminster pool session: Jan 25 and 26! We have an eager group of students in our Open Water class, ready for the pool! Seal kids – a couple of spots remain! Certified divers come and shake out the cobwebs that are starting to accumulate! Pool sessions are: Sat at 4 and Sun at 1.



Discover Scuba:
this is your chance to have some fun and breathe underwater!

Preregister, as we bring equipment from Wainwright.

This class of Wainwright High School kids was a blast to Discover Diving with!

Dive travel - West Coast dive family day: Consider joining us for a dive trip to BC. We're going to the Horseshoe Bar area near Vancouver, for the Family Day long weekend. Connie, David and Mark are going. Please contact the dive store to sign up. See the attached poster. Non-divers welcome. This 'n that: *We will be offering the PADI deep diving specialty this trip.*

- Feb 13: Thurs pm: Travel day and check into hotel
- Feb 14: Fri - Valentine's Day! Equipment set up/shore dives at Whytecliff Park.
- Feb 15/16/17: Sat/Sun/Mon: boat dives: 2 dives/day: Annapolis; wall dives...
- Feb 18: Tues: optional shore dive at Whytecliff Park/travel home
- Staying at the nearby Horseshoe Bay Motel

This is an area of BC that Connie and David have wanted to explore for some time. We've never dove the Annapolis, or with Sea Dragon Charters before, and we look forward to it.

Mark has dove Whytecliff park a few times, and says it is very interesting – lots of life; he's enjoyed his dives here.



Not included are:

- Air fills: I know, it seems odd, but with some people driving out with their own cylinders, some on rebreathers, some wanting Nitrox, it was getting confusing. Each diver can rent and get the fills needed from Sea Dragon: pricing is cylinder rental \$20; air fills \$15; nitrox fills \$25.
- Meals
- Transportation: we will be flying, and will arrange for a rental vehicle/van based on what is available – we'll share our ride!
- Gratuity: for the boat dives, recommend \$10 to \$20/day, depending on the service provided. This is at each diver's discretion.

The west coast is a favourite of ours! Explore the emerald waters of Howe Sound. Here you can commonly see Pacific octopus, wolf eels, nudibranchs, and beautifully bizarre fish such as the decorated warbonnet and grunt sculpin.

Bring your Valentine to explore Vancouver while we are diving – non-divers are welcome!

Our Red Deer dive division: Mark is settled in Red Deer, and will be teaching in local pools around Red Deer, and diving in Twin Lake. Watch Facebook for announcements, and feel free to join him. He has pool time Feb 2 in Lacombe.



Clear Lake update: With the -40C cold snap, the ice should be good! If you are interested in ice diving, leave your name with Dan at the dive store. Ice diving is the 'coolest' thing you can do in winter. Cost is \$350; it takes two days: includes ice dive theory, cutting the hole, three dives, lunch on the ice, and bragging rights that you have joined the most elite group of divers! Already ice certified? Join us for a dive.

Save the date: Divescapes 2020 - Oct 23-24: The Alberta Underwater Council is proud to present this conference and exhibition 2020 at the River Cree Resort & Casino in Edmonton. David and Connie already have our tickets, as the world class presenters, exhibitors and workshops provide inspiration in an intimate, friendly atmosphere. Rumor has it that Jill Heinerth will be the guest speaker. Jill is a Canadian underwater explorer, writer, photographer and film-maker – Connie has great respect for her adventures, dive, photography and writing skills.

Store hours: We are open from 8:30 to 5:30 weekdays, closed for lunch. Stop by to check with Dan on the latest and greatest in dive equipment. If you wish to stop by after hours or during lunch please call so we can make arrangements!

See you in the pool!

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