



**Alberta Adventure Divers
March 2, 2020**

Spring is around the corner!
Cylinder visual inspections
Ice Diving: March 21-22

Great White shark diving: Guadalupe Sept. 2020
The Winspear and scuba? Yes, it's a thing.



Store hours: We are open from 8:30 to 5:30 weekdays, closed for lunch, until March 5. After that, the store is temporarily on modified hours, basically 'call in', or email and make arrangements, as Dan is off for a couple of weeks and Connie and David are running the shop.



Visual inspections April 4: ALERT: Scuba cylinder owners: annual visual inspections are done at the dive store at any time, however to start the season, our pro staff holds a vis work party.

If you have a cylinder that requires its visual inspection prior to the dive season, please drop it off at the dive store before April 3 and we will complete this at the work party on April 4. If you are interested in helping out at this party, please send a message.

Visual inspection certification course March 7: This course is for anyone, experienced or not, who is interested in becoming certified to inspect cylinders. The class is a one day program to teach inspection of pressurized cylinders and the tools used during the inspection process. Topics covered include:

- Rules and Regulations in industry
- Hydrostatic Tests
- Cylinder Inspections and characteristics of: Steel, Aluminum, Composite cylinders
- Cylinder cleaning; Valves; Fill Stations and compressors
- Safety; Records and liabilities



Visual tools and supplies and stickers will be available for purchase or order during the course. Check out www.cylindertrainingservices.com for more details.

- The course starts at 8 am and finishes at approximately 5 pm.
- Cost is \$300 and includes training manuals, 10 stickers, certification card and lunch.
- Maximum class size is 10
- Certifications are issued by TDI/SDI, for Cylinder Training Services, valid for 3 yrs.
- Note: This is not the PSI (Professional Scuba Inspectors course), if you were previously certified by this agency.



Ice dive: Ice diving is the 'coolest' thing you can do in winter. If you are interested in ice diving, sign up by contacting the dive store. Cost is \$300: 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. See attached information.

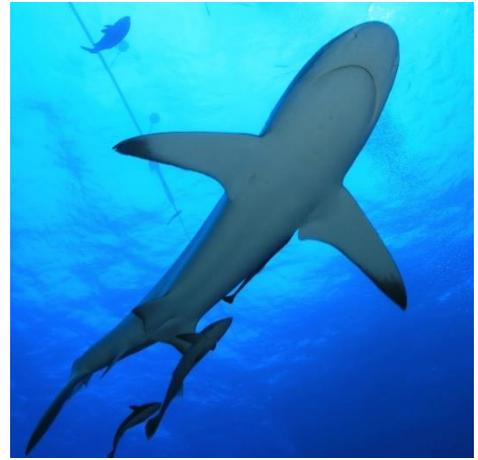
Dive travel - West Coast dive family day: The west coast is a favourite of ours! We loved exploring the emerald waters of Howe Sound. We're working on the photo presentation for our divers, and for a movie night. Vancouver teasers:



Future dive trip: We love sharks!!!!

Great White Shark cage diving: Taking expressions of interest for: Sep 19-24, 2020 (exact dates to be confirmed), 6 days on the Nautilus Belle Amie. Three of the eight spots are filled already.

September adventures to Guadalupe Island provide the best of all worlds when it comes to diving with great white sharks. Beautiful weather topside, warmest water of the season and a really interesting mix of both male and female sharks. 125+ ft visibility. 2 shark wrangling platforms for lots of surface action with 3 submersible cages and 2 surface cage for virtually unlimited diving. We specialize in natural interaction and discovered many years ago that blood, chum, oil and all that stuff are not needed to provide the best experience in the industry.



Pool sessions: We have no pool sessions in the Wainwright area in March, as we're busy with the visual inspection course, ice diving, PADI updates and so on.

Red Deer dive division: Mark's been very busy with scuba pool sessions in the Lacombe pool, volunteering for the AUC at the Red Deer outdoor show, and making us jealous about the Extreme Cave diving event we will miss out on. He also joined us in Vancouver to dive, started an amazing



blog on the AlbertaDivers.ca website, and came to the PADI member forum in Edmonton. Watch Facebook for pool session updates – the next Lacombe session is March 29. On top of all of this, Mark is training to run in the Boston marathon in April.

Mark has rounded up a new instructor from the Red Deer area join our pro-staff. Welcome Jenna!

Save the date:

Extreme Cave Diving: Monday, March 9 2020, 7:30 pm, a National Geographic Live presentation at the Winspear in Edmonton. Mark Faas will be here, and so would David and Connie if they were in Canada.

“Kenny Broad, National Geographic’s Explorer of the Year for 2011, is also an accomplished cave diver. He pursues this extreme avocation not for sport but to gain valuable insights. Doubling as a recognized, and quite funny, environmental anthropologist, Broad uses his research to solve problems of climate change and freshwater resource management. Join him for a fantastic voyage into the beautiful but dangerous “blue holes” of the Bahamas—a potential treasure trove of scientific knowledge, captured in incredible images and video.”

<https://www.winspearcentre.com/tickets/events/other/2020/extreme-cave-diving>



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. 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.

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