



Alberta Adventure Divers Aug. 22, 2020

Dive weekend – Sept. 15-16
Dive courses, specialties & events



Dive night:

Dive night rocks! We have 20 to 25 divers each Tues. evening. Vis is still 10 to 15 ft. at the platform. The water is warm: 67F above the thermocline. Let's enjoy it.

Breaking news for Sept 4 and Sept 11:

With the late start this year, we will host dive night the first two Tuesdays in Sept!

Dive training:

For those in the midst of classes, we will wind up instructional dives on the Tues. dives, as well as Aug. 23, and Sept. 12-13 weekend. Aug 29-30 David and I will be diving in Twin Lakes, if you wish to join us. Mark will be there completing some instructional dives and testing his brand

new-to-him camping trailer.

The dive weekend Aug 15-16: was a fun weekend of random diving and classes. Congratulations to the newly certified Advanced, Open Water, and Dry Suit students!



Congratulations as well to Erika on completing her 100th dive. Yes, there certainly was a celebration!

Thanks to everyone who joined us: surface support, dive masters, divers – it was a great weekend.

Dive weekend Sept 12-13: Let's do it again!

We will complete any ongoing courses, and also teach the rescue course.

Rescue Diver course: Who should have this course? In the opinion of those who take the course – every diver should have this course! It teaches so much about awareness and prevention of difficult or dangerous situations.

Rescue Diver: This is one of the ‘pinnacle’ courses that divers always remember. Rescue students gain skills to save themselves and other divers from a potentially dangerous situation. This course is for all divers: avid divers as well as occasional divers. This includes the diver who travels on dive vacations and may experience a diver who's received improper training or a diver who has not kept up their diving skills, equipment or knowledge.



The Rescue program encompasses techniques such as prevention, readiness to respond, first aid, CPR & AED review, underwater searches, and use of specialized equipment. This weekend of open water training scenarios has divers experience simulated "real life" situations that they could encounter in a real diving situation such as out of air divers, missing divers, a panic diver, diver with a pressure related injury, diver requiring immediate first aid, unconscious diver and more.

- Prerequisites: Divers need to be certified beyond Open Water, and have current First Aid/CPR. Divers do not require Advanced, but do require three adventure dives, including Navigation. The Rescue eLearning is a pre-requisite to be completed prior to the course weekend.
- Course Cost is \$440 (plus eLearning), if you have your own equipment. We now include the Oxygen Provider certification card in the course! Oxygen Provider skills are integrated into the rescue course, as we teach it. If you require rental equipment, make arrangements with the dive store. If you're interested in this course contact the dive store to sign up. Start the e-learning today, to begin your journey to safer diving.



Many call this their most memorable PADI course, and it is just as relevant and important to those who dive occasionally. A focus is on preventing problems by improving your situational awareness.



Pumpkin Dive planning: We are considering options for our pumpkin dive on Sept. 26. It is early yet, and we are reluctant to cancel it. We will have changes – sadly, no bbq meal and no cuddling in the cook shack over the warm fire. Happily – it may be one of the only Alberta Underwater Council events to run this year! We see a mystery dive, followed quickly by the pumpkin carving dive; then divers dry off, warm up, and compare results. If you are interested, please send a message to the dive store and we'll contact you when we have a firm plan.

Family day 2021: We are keeping our dive travel within Canada for a bit. We had a great time diving in BC for Family Day this year; and are making initial plans to return in 2021. The general plan is to have two trips: a recreational trip over the family day weekend (likely some reefs/wreck: course options of deep or wreck: location to be determined); followed by a more technical trip in the Nanaimo area (rebreathers or doubles for deeper or longer dives). We are taking expressions of interest – if you are interested in either trip let us know.



Dive travel: We are postponing our bucket list trip - diving with the great whites at Guadalupe -to Sept 5 to 10, 2021!!! This will be my birthday trip, and quite possibly the first time we are out of Canada since March 2020. We have a space for one single male remaining.

Red Deer Diving: Mark's email is mark@albertadivers.ca, if you wish to chat with him about central Alberta diving opportunities. We'll be at Twin Lakes diving with him Aug. 29 & 30.

Dive store cell phone #780-806-0467: New, for texting; dive night messages, weather updates, and so on. Dan will bring it to dive night, so if you question if the weather is stormy you can contact him and can find out before traveling out.

Covid thoughts: Our dive students are thriving; the Covid impact is primarily to very small class sizes; socially distant buddy checks and assistance, and lots of hand sanitizer: thank goodness for gallon jugs. We have a very solid sanitisation & disinfection process for our rental equipment. We have now made this our standard, as I have always had a problem with germs and bugs even before Covid.

Discover local diving: Thanks from the bottom of our hearts to those who have been diving with us at the lake this summer. Since July, David and I have been diving every Tues., and virtually every Sat and Sun, with the odd Wed and Thurs thrown in. Most of our diving is at Clear Lake, but we have ventured to Twin Lakes as well. This is the most we have ever dove in a summer! It is great to see everyone.



Hope to see you at the lake!

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