



**Alberta Adventure Divers
Sept. 7, 2020**

Sept. dive courses & events
Master Scuba Diver
Pumpkin dive 2020!



Local diving! We'd love to see you join us for a strong finish to an amazing dive season!



Dive night: We've had an amazing summer of dive nights. Our final Tues. dive is this week, Sept. 8, but we have some weekend plans:

Sept 12 & 13 diving: Dive weekend! This is the final Clear Lake opportunity to complete courses students have been working on. If you are interested in: Rescue; Open Water; Dry suit; or the Advanced course, please contact the shop by email or phone. Anyone who wants a fun dive is welcome, or help set up for the pumpkin dive.

Sept. 19 & 20 diving at Twin Lakes: Connie will be teaching the sidemount specialty; David and possibly Mark will be finishing any courses for our Red Deer based divers. As

always, all divers are welcome to join us for fun or courses. We'll bring the dive trailer and plan for lots of air.

Twin Lakes:

If you've not yet checked out Twin Lakes, it is well set up for diving. They have an excellent dock system to gear up and enter the water from. They have artifacts to explore, and fish who may swim by. It is perfect for a camping/diving trip. It is a small lake, with no motorized boats on weekends, located west of Pigeon Lake.



Twin Lakes camping: If you wish to join us Sept. 19 & 20 for a fun weekend of random diving and camping, text David and he can arrange a campsite: there does not seem to be an official reservation system. I expect the campground to not be busy in Sept.



Cold Lake diving: Cold Lake is another great Alberta lake to dive in! We may make plans to return in 2021.

Lakes Annette, Edith and Patricia: in Jasper Park provide great diving, however they are a long drive and require advance planning for campsites.



Rescue Diver course: If you do any diving, you should plan to have the rescue course. It is not all about dive skills, it is about preventing and avoiding difficult or dangerous situations. You will learn about self-awareness, and knowing the best actions to take in the case of a dive situation. Many call this their most memorable PADI course, and it is just as relevant and important to those who dive occasionally. Check the attached for more information on this course.



Master Scuba Diver: Many divers have mentioned they now have earned the Master Scuba Diver certification. Congratulations, this is the highest rating in recreational scuba diving. The PADI Master Scuba Diver certification places you in an elite group of respected divers who have earned this rating through both significant experience and scuba training. Fewer than two percent of divers ever achieve this rating. Complete the attached application and email to the dive store for instructor verification and sign off.



Pumpkin Dive Sept. 26: Happily, we will host a Pumpkin Dive in 2020! There will be a mystery dive, followed quickly by the pumpkin carving dive; then divers dry off, warm up, and compare results while the judges examine the pumpkins. See the attached poster. The 2020 changes are that divers will bring their own lunch and snacks; we will not use the cookshack (too tight for social distancing); we will set up where we do for dive night.

Dive travel: We will be enjoying dive travel within Canada for the time being! This summer it was exploring Twin Lakes.

Red Deer Diving: Mark's email is mark@albertadivers.ca, if you wish to chat with him about central Alberta diving opportunities.

Family day 2021: We have secured a dive trip to BC over the family day weekend - diving reefs/wreck: course options of advanced, deep or wreck. This is followed by a more technical trip in the Nanaimo area (rebreathers or doubles for deeper/longer dives). The trips look full by those who sent in expressions of interest!



Covid thoughts: Divers feel very safe from 'Covid droplets' underwater! 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 and soap. We have a very solid sanitization & disinfection process for our rental equipment. We have now made these enhanced cleaning protocols the Alberta Adventure Divers standard.

Hope to see you at the lake!

Connie, David & Mark Faas; Dan Ermel
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Connie and David's grandbaby Thea learning about scuba diving this summer!

You are never too young or too old to learn something new!



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