



Alberta Adventure Divers Jan 3, 2021

Happy New Year!
New Year Dive Goals
New dive store hours



2020 was a rollercoaster, to say the least. But there is light at the end of the tunnel, and as we begin 2021 we wish you a Happy New Year! We have been reflecting on the incredible adventures and group dive trips we have enjoyed in the past. These trips will return! It is tough to be patient.



Clear Lake update: Skaters and walkers are enjoying the ice this Christmas break. This year's ice has a good solid base. The weather is amazing. Come to the boat launch; and walk or skate on the paths and rinks around the lake with people from within your household. These are great social distanced activities.

Ice Dive course: we wait for changes to the public health orders, for when group gatherings can resume.

Pool booking updates: FYI: at present, the dive store cannot book pools, however in Lloydminster individuals are able. The requirements for pool booking are dependent on provincial health orders. We are in touch with pools in both AB and SK, and are eager to be able to resume pool sessions, however at the present time the dive store has no pool sessions booked.

Lloydminster pool session on Jan. 8 & 9: Three bookings for scuba divers are available at the Lloyd BioClean Pool. These are the initiative of divemaster candidates Jim Brown and Isaac Ireland.

These are private bookings for certified divers. Each session can accommodate six certified divers. The cost is \$5, and you must supply all of your own equipment (rentals and tank fills available at Alberta Adventure Divers in Wainwright – the trailer will not be at this pool event). Pay at the pool counter, but pre-register by text with Jim or Isaac to ensure no more than six divers show up.

Pool timings are:

Fri 8th: 7 pm enter the facility, set up gear, dive & have fun; at 8:30 leave the pool, clean up, change and out of facility by 9.

Sat 9th: 1:00 enter the facility, set up gear, dive & have fun; at 2:30 leave the pool, out of facility by 3. A second session on the same day enters the facility at 3:30, set up gear and dive until 5; out of the facility by 5:30.

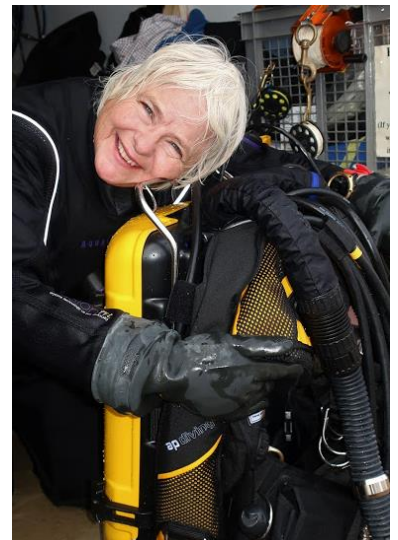
To book: Text Jim at (780) 808-5806 and text Isaac at (306) 821-2605 if you wish to join them. Pay at the pool counter, but pre-register by text with Jim or Isaac to ensure no more than six divers show up. Have fun!!!!



Dive travel - West Coast dive family day: Mark, Connie and David and have booked the Sea Dragon in Vancouver to repeat our 2020 dive trip. For all confirmed divers: the current status is the boat is still running and we have filled all allowed spots. Should the allowable spots increase by mid Feb., we have divers on a waiting list to join us. The next week's technical trip to Vancouver Island is tentatively booked, awaiting final confirmation from the boat operator and local health restrictions.

New Year Dive Goals: It may be a stretch, but what are your dive goals? Have you thought about this?

Connie's 2020 goal was to become rebreather certified: CHECK! I must thank the pandemic for this; as all other activities were cancelled, but we could dive locally. With 95 logged dives in AB lakes, 2020 was a good dive year for me.



New Year Dive Goals 2021: Presuming that international travel will be difficult to plan in advance due to flight restrictions, pandemic outbreaks and local health advisories; we will limit plans to Canadian diving. We can adapt quickly to changes and offerings!

- Guadalupe international travel note: The Sept 2021 Guadalupe dive trip that was postponed from 2020 is still on! We'll make firm plans closer to the date for travel arrangements – the worst case is another postponement. This trip has room for one single male to join us.
- **Dive Canadian Oceans:** Connie's next big Covid goal is to dive the three Canadian oceans. The Pacific Ocean is well loved, and planned for our Feb. Family Day trip. The Arctic Ocean is inspired by the presentation that Jill Heinerth did for the Wet and Wild Diving Society in Fort McMurray. I have been in contact with the organization Jill recommends – the narwhale/ice floe edge trip I am looking at is in late May/early June, however currently Nunavut is not open to visitors, so this trip may have to be in 2022. The Atlantic Ocean is a bucket list dive as well – with Ocean Quest, for their 'Wreck-Reaction' dives. This is a later summer/early fall trip, and will only happen if the Atlantic bubble does not require isolation periods for visitors. David will join me on all these adventures, if you are interested, let me know and I'll start an 'expressions of interest' list.
- **Zombie Apocalypse diver certification:** Yes, it is real. Connie has survived the infection. We will offer this fun course for advanced divers in 2021.
- **Virtual winter classes:** as we cannot hold our loved 'movie nights' we will explore teaching PADI classes virtually. The first course will be Equipment Specialist.
- **Zoom presentations:** Mark has some really interesting ideas for presentations we wish to share. We thought we'd try a periodic, perhaps monthly, Zoom presentation for tips and tricks to improve your diving knowledge.

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New at the dive store:

David has been updating the blending station for nitrox and helium fills. He has a new larger and quieter booster pump – and is creating a masterpiece.

New store hours 2021: The store is open from 1:30 to 5:30 Wed. to Fri. Additionally, we are available for private bookings to ensure socially distanced shopping and consultations. Call (780) 842-2882 to make arrangements.

Delivery services, shipping, private consultations: These services are here to stay!

Newest student: Gabe is getting pointers from Mark on setting up UW camera housings.

Save the date: Divescapes 2021 - Oct 22-23: The Alberta Underwater Council is proud to re-schedule this conference and exhibition to 2021 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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