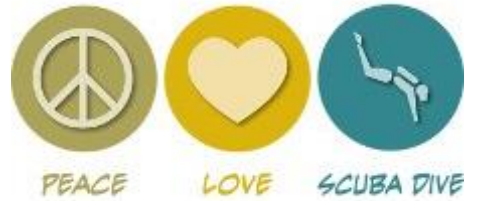




Alberta Adventure Divers

Feb. 28, 2021

Pool session & new products!
BC trip – We dodged a bullet
Courses: Equipment Specialist,
Cylinder Visual Inspector
& Ice dive update



David and I made a covert trip to Lloyd and it was amazing to get in the water!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

These are private bookings for certified divers. Each session can accommodate up to six certified divers. The cost is \$5+gst, and you must supply all of your own equipment (rentals and tank fills available at the dive store in Wainwright).

To confirm pool times and book: Text Jim at (780) 808-5806 or Isaac at (306) 821-2605 to pre-register. Pay at the pool counter when you arrive. Have fun!!!!



Pool booking updates: FYI: at present, the dive store cannot book pools due to provincial health restrictions, however in Lloydminster individuals are able to. Divemaster candidates Jim Brown and Isaac Ireland have been arranging regular weekend pool sessions.



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A special weather statement remains in effect over Metro Vancouver, calling for "the coldest conditions seen this season."

Dive travel - West Coast dive family day:

Upon consideration of Covid travel restrictions in place, BC's discussion on closing borders to interprovincial travel, and Covid infection rates, we made the difficult decision to postpone our Family Day dive trip to Nov. 2021. We also dodged a bullet, as the roads were treacherous and the weather was far below seasonal in Vancouver. This did make me feel a

bit better. We hope for a fantastic trip in Nov. 2021, and are planning another Family Day trip to BC in Feb. 2022 as well.

New products: We are looking forward to our order of coloured hoses from XS Scuba!!! They will spruce up and personalize any set of regs. We expect them in about a week.



New services: Food grade CO2 fills – for beer gas hobbyists, kegs, paintball cylinders and small carbonated beverage containers!

Additionally, check out our selection of CO2 cylinders for sale.



Ice Dive course: We are passionate about ice diving, and have completed a thorough risk assessment. We considered many factors: the limit of 10 people outdoors, social distancing while assisting others in all aspects of this course, not being able to offer food and warm drinks (it's tough to eat wearing a face mask), and the icing on the cake is not being able to offer an enclosed warm up area: fishing huts, etc., which makes the event an indoor activity in a very poorly ventilated small area. Sadly, we have decided to cancel ice diving this winter.



I realize many are disappointed with this, we are also crushed. Hang in there buddies, these concerns will pass, we will ice dive again.

Let's look at non-diving, dive related activities we can do!



-Personalize your equipment:

Connie named her rebreather 'Shelly' – CCR divers will understand the significance.

-Configure dive equipment: the Paparazzi caught Kevin fondling his new rebreather and setting it up.

-Complete the E-Learning of any dive course:

Be ready to jump in the water with a scuba instructor – from basic open water to advanced and specialty courses. With last summer's success in teaching dive courses while navigating Covid precautions, we are ready to dive when the lake warms up! Contact the dive store if you are interested.



-Take a non-diving dive course: Sign up for the courses below which are complete with no dive. Instruction will follow Covid protocols of limited attendance for social distancing and mask wearing.

PADI Equipment Specialist course: March 27, from 9 am to 4 pm, bring a bag lunch and snacks
If you have made your investment in scuba equipment, or are thinking about it:

- Learn to manage basic scuba diving equipment repairs and adjustments. Understand routine care and maintenance procedures and how dive gear works.
- Don't miss a dive due to minor issues with your scuba diving equipment.
- Whether it's a missing o-ring, wetsuit tear or a broken fin strap, the PADI Equipment Specialist course teaches you to manage basic repairs and adjustments. You'll also learn more about how your gear works, making you more comfortable with it and better prepared to take care of your investment.
- We will show you how to overcome some common equipment problems and offer equipment configuration suggestions.
- Enroll in the course and get your E-Learning code! We have a maximum of 10 in this excellent course. Cost is \$200 and includes the E-Learning code.

Know your gear better and earn this fun and enjoyable certification.



Visual inspection certification course April 11: 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 and certification card.
- Maximum class size is 10; please bring a bag lunch.
- 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.

Save the date, change the year: Divescapes 2021 – is now moved to 2022

Store hours, spring 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.

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