



## Alberta Adventure Divers May 7, 2021

**Something for everyone!**  
Fitness to Dive / First dive of 2021  
Dive Alberta & Covid  
Specialty of the Month – S&R  
Lessons: OW to Self-Reliant  
Divemaster candidates



**Are you ready to dive?** The lake is open! Ashley and I recorded the earliest known open water dive in Clear Lake on April 25. Sorry, Mark, Charlene & Erika for beating your early dive of April 26, 2019. There was still ice on 25% of the lake, but the beach was open. Vis was decent: 8 – 25': very spotty. By May 1, Ashley reports the vis was a bit worse. We will see it improve by early June.



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*After dive happiness!*



### **Fitness to dive:** I wish

I had wrote the article attached, but I did not. Enjoy the Lockdown Diver article by Dorset Diving Services in the UK. It inspired me to take some actions for fitness; I hope it does for my dive buddies and students as well

**Covid considerations:** We are following AB Health restrictions carefully in our dive activities. Good news: the dive store is open. Our capacity at 10% is 15 people in the store, and 26 in the back shop. We do sanitize frequently, wear masks whenever anyone is in the store, and do our best to maintain 2 meters distance even with masks on. Hours are 9 to 5 weekdays; Thurs hours are 1 to 5.

**For Clear Lake:** I spoke to our MD councillor after the restrictions announced for May 9: “outdoor recreation activities are prohibited, except with members of your household, or close contacts.” He reports that this year, the beach and outhouse will remain open – yeah! If David and I go for a dive, and there is already a family group on the beach, both groups are OK to use the beach. If other beach or dive cohorts/family members come to use the beach, this is OK as well. The MD will not be limiting access to the beach. If we supply air to divers, this is also fine. We are OK to plan dive nights, with distancing, mask wearing, and divers arranging their family member or cohort to buddy with. Stay safe everyone!



### *Is your gear serviced and ready to dive?*

**Dive night:** Make your plans to join us on Tues. evenings at Clear Lake for dive night. We welcome all divers to become ‘true Canadian divers’ and experience local dives in Clear Lake. We meet about 6 pm every Tues. night in June, July and August to dive and socialize. We have rental equipment, and will bring it to the lake to make it easy for you to join us! We welcome new divers, and love to give tours of our underwater park. We will

stay tuned for Covid changes, but hope and expect to have a great dive season in Alberta. Mark is working on Twin Lake dive nights.

**Dive night classes:** We often teach classes at dive night. To start the dive season, we are offering a ‘Specialty of the Month’ for June - Search & Recovery. This course is a pinnacle four dive specialty course. We always have fun teaching it, and it can be taught with ‘indirect supervision’ which is favourable for Covid protocols.

**Search & Recovery:** regular price \$440; discount price of \$380 for up to 7 students (using crew packs, not on-line learning: on line is \$440). Class dates: dive nights - June 1, 8, 15. Sign up with Dan at the dive store.



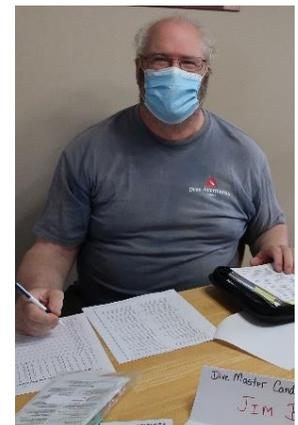
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| Today < May 2021 >              |     |                      |     |     |                      |                        |
| SUN                             | MON | TUE                  | WED | THU | FRI                  | SAT                    |
| 25<br>1st OW dive               | 26  | 27                   | 28  | 29  | 30<br>DM Evaluations | 1<br>DM Evaluations    |
| 2                               | 3   | 4                    | 5   | 6   | 7                    | 8                      |
| 9<br>Self-Reliant ove           | 10  | 11                   | 12  | 13  | 14                   | 15<br>Divescapes onl   |
| 16                              | 17  | 18                   | 19  | 20  | 21                   | 22<br>Victoria Day for |
| 23<br>Victoria Day long weekend | 24  | 25                   | 26  | 27  | 28                   | 29<br>Scuba lessons    |
| 30<br>Scuba lessons             | 31  | 1<br>Clear Lake Dive | 2   | 3   | 4                    | 5                      |

**Dive courses:** We do have a great deal of interest in classes, from Open Water to Self-Reliant diver and Rebreather. We encourage all students to begin their theory; pick a preferred date on the calendar and let Dan know so he can coordinate instructors. The new calendar will indicate available dates.

**New dive event calendar:** check out our website: AlbertaDivers.ca. We have begun to fill our summer calendar with events and courses.

**Divemaster candidates:** dive skills - check; pool swims - check; exam - check! We’ve been working hard this spring on the divemaster program.

**Self-reliant diver:** Introductory Zoom lesson on Saturday May 8 at 7:30. If you want do know more about this course, email [diver@albertadivers.ca](mailto:diver@albertadivers.ca) and I will add you to the meeting. You just download the Zoom ap, if you have not already. We have dives scheduled for in June; the limit is 8 for in June, however anyone interested can attend the Zoom meeting on May 8.



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