



**Alberta Adventure Divers
Jan 16, 2022**

Happy New Year!
Jan/Feb dive events:
Ice Dives – Jan 22 & 23
BC trip update – diving Feb 17-20



2021 was another rollercoaster, to say the least. We begin 2022 with a wish for a much better new year! David and I 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 path that David created with his trusty bobcat around the lake. This year's ice has a good solid base. The weather has improved after a very long and unreasonable cold snap. Come to the boat launch; and walk or skate on the paths and rinks around the lake. This is a great outdoors, socially distanced, activity.



Ice Dive course: Jan 22 & 23: check the forecast for next weekend's weather! It is teasing to be a great weekend for an ice dive. Dan will contact divers on his list; if you are interested contact the dive store ASAP. Ice thickness is 24".

Sat 01/22	Sun 01/23
A mix of sun and clouds	Mainly sunny
1°	0°

Congratulations! We are proud of our three new PADI Divemasters: Jim Brown, Leana Ross and Isaac Ireland. They have diligently worked to complete the Divemaster course requirements. This is a tremendous accomplishment; well done!



Lloydminster pool updates:

Jim Brown has been very successful in booking pool times in the Lloyd pool. Jim and Isaac have been coordinating these sessions. Of interest, we are allowed to teach again in the Lloyd pool. We are starting with Discover Scuba sessions.

There a limit to the number of divers; so contact Dan at the dive store, or Jim or Isaac if you have their contact information, to join a pool session.

Best pool price ever! The current cost to enter the pool is only \$7.25. There is no better deal to be had! Let's enjoy it while we can. You must supply all of your own equipment, or rent from Alberta Adventure Divers in Wainwright – the trailer may not be at all pool sessions. Pay \$5.25 at the pool counter, and \$2 to Jim to cover an administration fee.





Lloydminster pool dates and timings:

- Jan 21: 5:30 to 7:30
- Jan 28: 5:30 to 9:00: Discover Scuba
- Jan 29: 1:30 to 3:30: Discover Scuba

We can take up to 5 students in each Discover Scuba session. Pre-book with Dan at the dive store. Cost is \$75+gst; includes equipment, instruction, but not the \$5.25 to enter the pool.

Dive travel - West Coast dive family day: Feb 16-21: We are optimistic that this trip may really happen! Our excitement is tempered with a careful assessment of the Covid risk.

- Connie has rapid tests; and will give everyone a rapid test kit to use prior to leaving their home base, so we know we are starting the trip without Covid. During the trip, rapid tests will be available upon request.
- We have the entire boat booked; it is only our group and the boat staff on it.
- We have all learned the importance of masking, distancing, hand sanitizing, and will respect the local restrictions – showing proof of vaccination, and limit of 6 per table when dining.
- We expect we will mostly be in our own ‘bubble’ of people, which will reduce exposure as much as possible.



We have booked with the Sea Dragon in Vancouver again. The owners are confident there will be no new restrictions that will affect our trip; but are excellent about keeping in touch with us.



- We do have room for four additional divers on this trip.
- Mark is teaching the Deep and Wreck courses, and
- Connie and David the Advanced course.



The next dilemma: to drive or to fly..... This is as tough as dealing with the Covid question.

- The Faas’ are studying routes, maps, BC transportation websites, Google, etc.
- We do hope to drive, but did book flights, just in case something changes. The flights are refundable; so they will not be a loss.

Leana and Mark: Let’s talk about our BC trip; then you’ll get true happy smiles!

BC trip social/meeting: Sun. Jan 30, at the dive store: We’ll review BC trip details, packing & travel advice, briefings on courses being taught, pick up rental equipment. Time: 2 to 5 pm.

Store hours 2022: The store is open from 9 to 5 weekdays except Thurs, which is open from 1 to 5. Additionally, we are available for private bookings to ensure socially distanced shopping and consultations. Call (780) 842-2882 to make arrangements.

Save the date: Divescapes 2022 - Oct 28 & 29 : The Alberta Underwater Council is proud to re-schedule this conference and exhibition to 2022 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. This event is not to be missed!



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