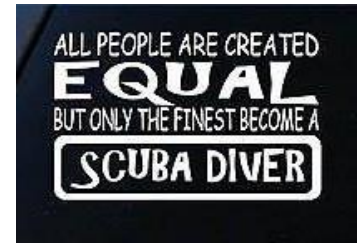




**Alberta Adventure Divers
Apr. 29, 2022**

Open Water lessons – Here's the deal!

Summer dive events at Clear Lake



Open Water teaser:

If you are interested in scuba lessons, or have friends or future dive buddies that are interested, the best, and possibly only opportunity this summer, will be the May/June dates.

More on the Open Water course, later in the newsletter.

Open Water course dates:

May 6 & 7: confined water dive skills in the Lloydminster pool: not full day courses; Fri. is a couple of hours, Sat. a bit longer.

May 28 & 29: confined water and open water dives at Clear Lake: full days

June 18 & 19: finish open water dives at Clear Lake – you may see diving Zombies!

Our summer schedule is firming up!

In addition to our love of diving, this summer we have family weddings, reunions, camping, chuckwagon races, and like everyone else, a return to events we have not enjoyed for two years. We may squeeze more dive dates in, but this is how they line up so far:

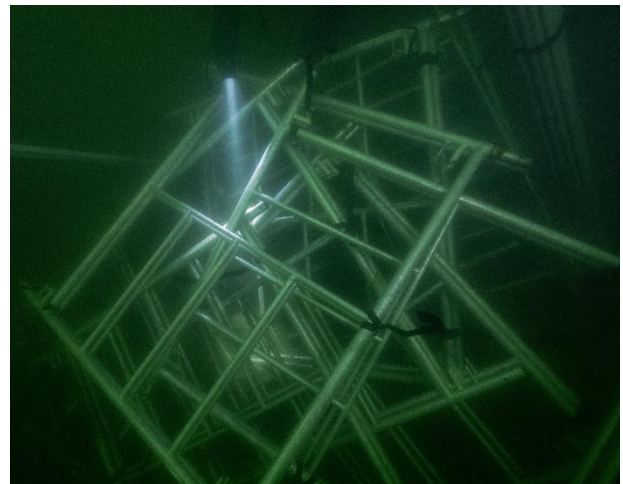
Tues. June 7: dive night begins; every Tues. until Sept. Exciting projects are planned!

Dive night is a fun time for new divers to practice their skills and get in dives, and experienced divers get creative in underwater construction techniques!

June 11 & 12: specialty dive courses, potentially in Twin Lakes

June 18: Zombie dive; and Open Water diver skills (June 18 & 19)

July 23 & 24: Woman's Dive Day (23rd) and dive projects/specialty courses



Aug 13 & 14: Dive Against Debris (13th) and dive projects/specialty courses

Aug 27 & 28: Rescue course

Sept long weekend: potential Cold Lake dive weekend; or set up for the pumpkin dive in Clear Lake

Sept 19 to 26: Guadalupe cage diving with sharks! On the boat Sept 20-25.

Oct 1: Pumpkin Dive

Oct 15 to 20: Return to Crowsnest Pass dive expedition

Oct 28 & 29: Divescapes – an event not to be missed!

.. and BAM .. the summer is over already... next up is

Feb., 2023: family day – BC/Vancouver dive trip

Mar 11-18, 2023: return to St. Lucia



Lloydminster pool sessions:

David and I are truly enjoying the pool sessions we attend. Jim is booking pool time on most Friday and Saturday's. Confirm with the store if you want to dive, or do a Discover Scuba.

We are over the moon happy that the schools have started to offer the Discover Scuba program again. We bend over backwards to accommodate school and pool schedules to offer this program. For many kids this is their first, and often only, opportunity to try scuba diving.

Open Water course instructor message:

The last couple of years have been challenging for teaching the Open Water dive course.

We feel the instructional program offered at Alberta Adventure Divers is stronger than ever. As resilient and experienced instructors, we have the patience and skills to teach students to enjoy diving, and succeed in the course.

David, Mark, Kevin B and I love to teach the Open Water dive course. Diving can open up many opportunities to learn about the underwater aquasystem, and enjoy travel opportunities throughout the seven continents.

Open Water course details – theory, confined water skills, open water dives:

Many of our students have completed the theory already; they can brush up on it a bit, and begin the confined water skills. The E-Learning theory is a prerequisite to starting confined water skills. Confined water skills are completed in the pool, and in the shallow water at Clear Lake. This year, we are fortunate that we can begin our confined water skills in the Lloydminster pool! We will complete additional skills in the shallow water at Clear Lake, but it is nice to begin confined water skills in the pool. Open water dives are completed at Clear Lake.



Save the open water course dates: We are only scheduling the one Open Water course this summer.

We request our students try to make the dates work. If you can't make a session, we can re-schedule it to a dive night, or alternate date. We are promoting the May/June course, as after this we get busy with specialty courses and dive events; additionally dental surgery threatens to keep Connie and David from diving for several weeks. We will be at dive events, and be surface support, but we can't teach Open Water from the surface.

Dry Suit diving: We encourage all students to learn in a dry suit. The dry suit course is included in the deluxe package. Dry suit is so much more comfortable, as we spend so much time in the lake doing confined water skills and open water dives.

- Certainly in May, but even in July and August the water temperature warrants a dry suit. All our pro staff dives in dry suits all summer. It is more comfortable. Learning to dive in a dry suit makes it seem so much easier to dive when you are in warm waters – we also love warm water diving!
- Is it more difficult to dive in a dry suit? No, diving is different in a dry suit, but not harder.

Open Water course registration: Contact the dive store for more information, to sign up and begin theory.



Local diving: Last spring, Ashley and I did a dive on April 25. This picture is the ice on Clear Lake on April 26 this year – no chance of a dive yet.

Waterton Lakes: Mark, with his buddies John and Ken, got so desperate to find open water they drove to Waterton the last week in April to do some dives. They report excellent visibility, having to search out open water, and lots of fish.



Red Deer: Mark’s dive schedule will be primarily teaching on week day evenings this summer, with a focus on specialty dives at Twin Lakes.

Store hours 2022: 9 to 5 weekdays except Thurs, which is open from 1 to 5. Additionally, we are available for private bookings for socially distanced shopping and consultations.



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