



Alberta Adventure Divers

Nov 5, 2022

Recent dive adventures:

Pumpkin dive results: Oct 1

Sea of Cortez memories: Oct 13-27

Divescapes fun: Oct 28-29

Upcoming dive adventures:

Crowsnest spring cave dives – Nov 11-13, 2022

St. Lucia tropical trip - Jan 22-29, 2023

Vancouver, BC dive trip – Feb 16-19, 2023

Ice dive excitement, pool sessions, movie nights - 2023

Indonesia Feb 26 – Mar 10, 2025



Peruse the recent dive schedule above: David and I have been fortunate to share glorious dive adventures with incredible dive buddies. I won't be able to share all the photos and stories in one newsletter – let's start with the pumpkin dive!

We enjoyed another amazing pumpkin dive at Clear Lake on Oct 1. We have as much fun scheming and preparing for the mystery dive as divers have solving it! The escape room concept developed by Briana and Mark Faas last year took another twist as divers explored the course looking for a place to carve their pumpkin.

The weather was decent – it is nice to enjoy the day on the beach, with no need to fire up the heater in the cook shack. The colours of the leaves were phenomenal.



It would be impossible to host this event without help. This year, event preparation happened all summer. Underwater artifacts were enhanced by being lifted off the muck and placed on scaffolding.

The masterminds for the scaffold projects were Les and Vance, with dive buddies joining in. Well done! Divers who used to know the course were using the tags to figure out where things went!

Thanks to those who helped with dive briefings. You took the time to make sure even our 'challenged' buddies understood the tasks.



Thanks to all who helped set up the inflatable displays and registration tent: the Lecompt family, the Shortts, and everyone else who lent a hand.



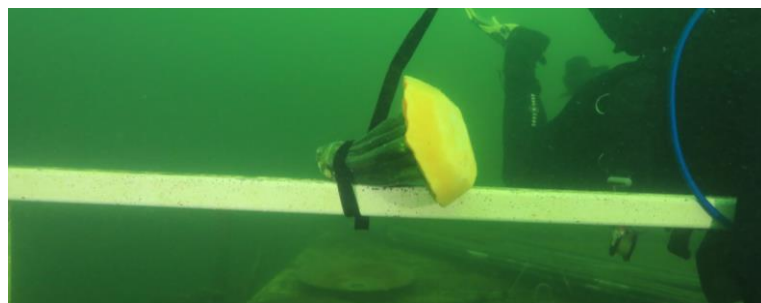
Tammi Rendle invented and constructed a new surface support game: 'Candy Corn Beanbags'. This became a very competitive activity all day long!



Honourable mention to the youngest attendee ever at a pumpkin dive – little Piper Bauer was only 6 weeks old. 'The cutest pumpkin in the patch!!!' Her parents and grandparents all were at the pumpkin dive – a fantastic family!

The mystery dive: 'the story': This year, the Zombies of Ribstone Creek have stashed gifts for pumpkin carvers in a securely locked container. Dive teams, your mission is to find the surface clues and decode your first lock. This lock contains your underwater clues which are needed to decode your lock on the Zombie's container. Should every dive team unlock their lock, the zombies will reward you handsomely, with a token to give a final touch to a well-carved pumpkin.

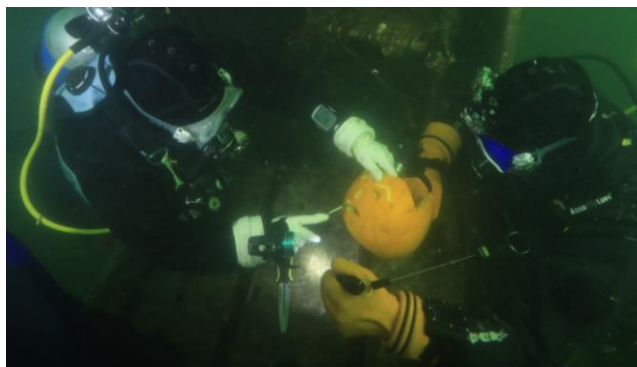
Mystery dive – 100% success! All dive teams unlocked their locks; the tokens were placed on pumpkins. Let the pumpkin carving begin!!





Nature is amazing – as soon as the first pumpkin was cut open,
seagulls came out of nowhere to feast!

The stealthy rebreather divers: David and Kevin, took the camera for UW fun photos.



Underwater pumpkin carving is not as easy as
you might think ...
and it is way more fun than doing chores at
home or watching Netflix!

Pumpkin carving judging:

This is not an easy task, the pumpkin carvings
are creative and well done!

Pumpkin Judges Charlie & Sheryl had the
toughest job of the day! Everyone wins when
you have a great day with fun people.



Each dive team came out of the
water bragging that their pumpkin
was the best ever!

Best Fitting Top: Meghan &
Dwayne

**Cleanest
Inside:** Les
& Ryan



Best Carved Pumpkin: Matthew & Vance

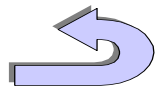
Take note of the size of this pumpkin, the unique stem, and the carving design.

Matthew always scours the area for the 'best' pumpkin to carve underwater. He did casually ask 'if I bring in a super large pumpkin, can I have a larger team of carvers?'

Who is interested on being on this team?



**Toonie draw winner
for a deluxe SMB &
reel: Jim Brown**



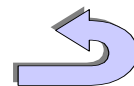
**50-50
winner:**

**Ron Faas (David's dad)
& Project Aware!**



Dry land carvers:

Note the tension on everyone's face, as they anxiously await the judges' decision for award winning pumpkins. Incredibly, every dry land pumpkin won a prize!



**Big kids
helping little
kids ..**

**Future divers
checking out
the fun ..**





Candy corn winners!



Dan's creative juices are surging: who noticed the flowing mane on 'Simba' on the 'circle of life'? Or the enhancements at the Davey Jones' locker area?



Northern Pike & Walleye are very curious about pumpkin carving!



Pumpkin dive 2022

A heartfelt thanks to divers and surface support at the 28th pumpkin dive at Clear Lake.



Environmentally friendly event: The completed pumpkins were taken home by their proud owners, or donated to Vance, and his pigs and yaks had a feast! Thanks for joining in the 2022 pumpkin fun.

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