



Alberta Adventure Divers
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Dive look ahead to 2023
Dive travel – BC here we come!
2022 year in review highlights – no room here, watch
for the next newsletter!



As I reflect during the holiday season, I look back on the past year with thanks and sincere appreciation for the support of the dive community.
Great customers, dive buddies and dive adventures are a large part of what makes our world a happy place!
David and I wish you a safe and wonderful holiday season, and good health with great adventures in the new year.

2023 travel & adventures, make plans to join us:

Dec 30: Pool session in Lloydminster-Fri. 6 to 9 pm
Jan 6: Pool session, Lloydminster-Fri. 6:30 to 9 pm
Jan 7: Pool session, Lloydminster-Sat. 3 to 5:30 pm
Contact Dan or Jim Brown to sign up for the pool sessions. David and I have a granddaughter's 4th birthday party to attend that weekend.



Jan 13: BC pre-trip gathering - Fri. 7 to 9 pm

We are getting excited for our Vancouver dive trip! It's not too late to decide to join us. We will be hosting a meeting to discuss the details. It will be both in person at the dive store, and online (for those who cannot join in-person). The online link will be sent on request.

We'll discuss equipment preferences, timing, important locations, dive plans, courses, packing options and travel – who is driving, who is flying. It's also an opportunity to pick up or drop off gear for servicing.

Jan 14: –Red's (Charles Ehrich) celebration of life from noon to 3 pm in Cold Lake. We look forward to visiting with dive buddies.



Jan 22-29: St. Lucia: our group of 10 adventurers are going on a tropical dive holiday – memories to last a lifetime will be made. This trip is fully booked. And yes, we can hunt the invasive Lion Fish again! Bring your certification card if you earned when we were there previously.

Feb. 16-20: Vancouver, BC diving in Howe Sound. BC has the best cold-water diving in the world. Every article rating cold water diving will have BC diving in the top 10. We love diving here and look forward to diving in the ocean again.

This trip has space for more divers – we have the entire boat booked. Alberta is a short flight, or a reasonable drive, to a wonderful dive destination.



- A special feature of this dive trip is that it is suitable for divers of all levels – from newly certified divers to experienced and advanced divers.
- If you feel a bit intimidated about dive travel, or cold-water diving, or experiencing the ocean for the first time, please give us a call. We will pair you up with an experienced buddy who will help you become comfortable and confident.
- If you wish to become dry suit certified, we have three instructors on the trip who will be more than happy to teach this course so you can more fully enjoy the diving. We also have rental dry suits to use for the course and the dives.
- Additional specialty courses will be offered on this trip, based on requests.



In BC the underwater colours are vibrant, the fish are incredible, the marine life is wonderful, and we will dive an artificial reef/shipwreck - the Annapolis is a joy to explore.



In 2022 we had so much fun at one rarely dove reef that we repeated the dive the next day. The group wanted to return, until the boat captain convinced us to check out different cool sites to dive – and we were not disappointed!

BC ocean waters are chilly so drysuits are recommended. ‘Back in the day’ David and I used to dive in wet suits in BC, but .. no longer. Dry suits are the way to go.

We have boat dives Feb 17, 18, 19, an organized shore dive on Feb 16, with options for additional shore dives each day.


March 4 & 5: Ice dive weekend. Mark your calendar! Are you looking for your next challenge as a certified scuba diver? Ice diving is an adventure ... and we did name our store with adventures like this in mind!!

We cut a hole through the ice to get to the water, and then dive under this ice.

We teach the specialized training for ice diving. If you are not a certified Ice Diver, sign up for the PADI Ice Diver Specialty Course. This is a hands-on course – learn by doing!!

2023 Summer dive special events:


New this year: Scuba Bingo game – cards available at the dive store: It’s a fun dive bingo style challenge for 2023,



S - scuba
C - challenge &
U - underwater
B - bingo
A - adventure

Alberta Adventure Divers = AAD
My 2023 Dive Adventures

Name: _____

S	C	U	B	A
Practice out of air drill	Dive a new dive site	Bring a treat to share at dive night	Attend an AUC event <small>As diver or surface support</small>	Dive at a special AAD event <small>event: zombie, pumpkin, wgd, dive against debris</small>
Bring garbage from UW	Use a compass UW	Pumpkin dive	Comment on a AAD post	Ride a cow UW
Attend a Tues/Wed dive night	Use a lift bag	Dive with a new buddy	Complete 3 dives in one week	Visit the dive store: 

If an activity on your card is impossible for you to complete, replace it with a "wild card" activity.

Wild card options
Overwrite a square with one of these:
 Dive outside circumference of the course on a single tank
 Put an incredible artifact in the lake
 Bring a first-time attendee to a dive night, dive event or pool session
 Take a course at AAD
 Make a project aware donation

How many activity squares can you complete before the 2023 Pumpkin Dive?

- * Complete one square per dive; you can complete more than one square per day
- * Buddy or witness to initial & date in the square to verify the activity is completed
- * Diving and non-diving activities to complete
- * Some dive activities are in Clear Lake, other activities can be in any lake or ocean, but not a bathtub, to be clear.
- * Drop off your card at the dive store or bring it to the pumpkin dive
- * All prizes awarded at the pumpkin dive
- * Cards available at the dive store - \$10 to enter the challenge.
- * You may work on more than one card in the season – the squares are randomly generated so every card is unique!

Every Tues. in June, July, August: the famous Dive Night!

June 24: Zombie Dive

July 15: Woman’s Dive Day

Aug ?: Dive Against Debris – date to be confirmed

Sept 16: Pumpkin Dive –Plus carve your pumpkin underwater.

- Note – the Pumpkin dive is a bit earlier in the year – warmer water and weather is anticipated; sourcing a pumpkin may be a bit of a challenge!
- Scuba bingo game prizes awarded!

Sept 25-30: Guadalupe shark cage diving: we love and respect sharks. Let us know if you are interested in joining us!

Feb 26 – Mar 10, 2025: Indonesia a boutique liveaboard experience. This highly sought-after provider had an opening which we snapped up. Only 16 spaces are available.

So many choices!

Stay tuned – watch for the next newsletter – 2022 year in review!



See you at the dive store,
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