



Alberta Adventure Divers
Feb 27, 2023

Dive holiday memories & inspirations:
Vancouver BC; St. Lucia
Ice dive March 11&12

Pub night in Red Deer: second Thurs each month



We're back in our happy place of dive travel and adventures!



Feb. 16-20: BC dive trip in Howe Sound, Vancouver

I am basking in wonderful photos and memories from BC.

We had a great holiday, with 12 divers and 3 non-divers exploring Horseshoe Bay and diving in the Howe sound with Sea Dragon Charters.



I am gathering cool pictures from our group to include in the photo presentation that I will be sending to all. We will also show our photos at a movie night.

Trip highlights:

- The first dives on the re-built Topline: we were fortunate to be the first group to dive after the Topline's extended overhaul for a total rebuild: new motors, drive train, etc. Kevin & Jan even broke out bottles of champagne on the boat after the first day!
- The reefs are healthy – vibrant with life
- Walls of anemones; ochre sea stars; rock fish, ling cod, kelp greenlings – so much more.
- Giant nudibranchs galore (don't ask David!)
- The Annapolis is still here!

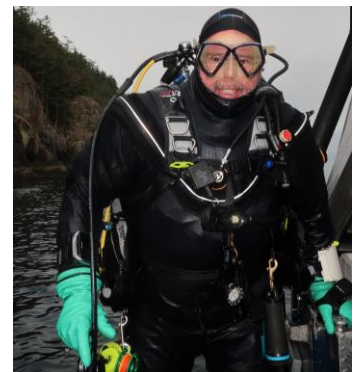
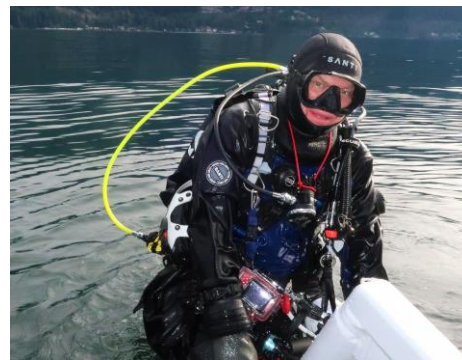
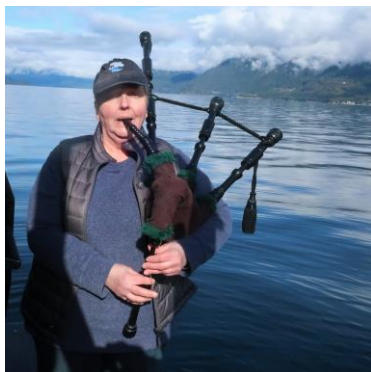


More BC trip highlights:

- Good food, great dive buddies
- The weather was damp – no surprise
- The seas were gloriously calm every day!
- The check-out dives at Porteau Cove are invaluable to trouble shoot equipment concerns, weighting and more.
- Visibility up to 50 feet, maybe more!
- Staying right in Horseshoe Bay was excellent – walking distance to the dock, the dive store, and a variety of places to eat and shop at.
- 3 divers had their first BC dive experiences!
- Dan and Annette celebrated their anniversary
- Cathy serenaded us with bagpipes
- Making new friends & dive buddies.
- All UW cameras worked well

BC lessons learned:

- bring loonies for carts at the dock
- Bring soap – the Horeshoe Bay Motel soap does not lather!



Jan 22-29: St. Lucia: our group of 10 adventurers had an amazing time – tropical photos coming on the next newsletter! I'm also working on shared photos from this trip!



Red Deer Divers:

Mark hosts a 'pub night' in Red Deer, on the second Thurs. each month. If you are on Facebook, he posts it there – if not send him a text (403) 857 8008, or email mark@albertadivers.ca, and he'll let you in on where it is. Look for the fancy dive flag!



March 11 & 12: Ice dive weekend. 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!! There is no pre-study or e-learning

Spectators are welcome!

See you at the dive store,
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