



**Alberta Adventure Divers**  
**June 5, 2017**

*Open Water classes 2017*  
*Women's Day of Diving*  
*Local Dive Safety*  
*Dive Travel-St. Lucia & Lund*



**Are you looking for something special to do this summer? Have you been looking for a memorable activity to mark the summer of 2017?** How about becoming a scuba diver! On this wet, rainy day, you can start with theory on-line right now, and join us for pool sessions this weekend in Vermilion. Follow up with the open water dives the next weekend, and then you can dive anywhere in the world – perhaps join us on one of our tropical holidays.

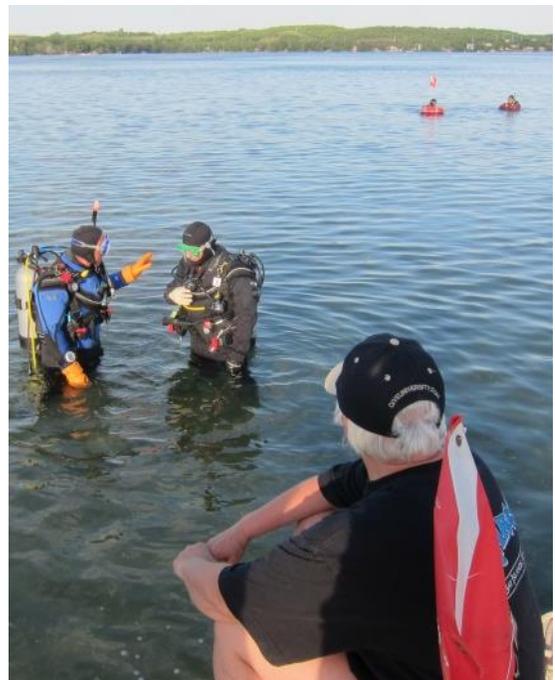


**Open Water lessons:** Dive adventures start with Open Water lessons. After you complete the dive theory on line, join our pool sessions, and then lake dives. This summer's schedule and prices are on the attached poster. If you or a buddy is interested, we will email more information.

**Clear Lake update:** Our first dive night is tomorrow evening – the weather forecast is for a much nicer day!

**Dive night:** Make your plans now to join us on Tues. evenings at Clear Lake. Dust off your gear, lube up dry suit zippers, check that the wet suit has not shrunk, get a fresh dive medical if you have any concerns – your health may have changed, and you may now have dive medical 'Yes' answers, service your regs, clean your mask.

We welcome all divers to become 'true Canadian divers' and experience local dives in Clear Lake. We



meet about 6 pm every Tues. night in June, July and August for some dives and socializing. We have rental equipment, and will bring it to the lake to make it easy for you to join us! In addition to meeting great people, and becoming more competent divers, this is when we make a lot of our travel plans! See you there.



**July 15 - Women's Day of Diving.** Our event is registered – check out the PADI link: <http://www2.padi.com/women-dive/> Search for *store*, and *type* - *Alberta Adventure Divers*.

We are scheming, and have some fun ideas to celebrate this. Mark your calendar, and plan for a dive and beach events (bbq lunch, prizes, and more) at Clear Lake. Guys, we have roles for you as well. The Women's Day of Diving poster will follow soon.

**Local woman divers:** Thanks for the great photos and stories that are coming in...wow! They are fantastic. We may not be famous, but someone admires us, or looks up to us.

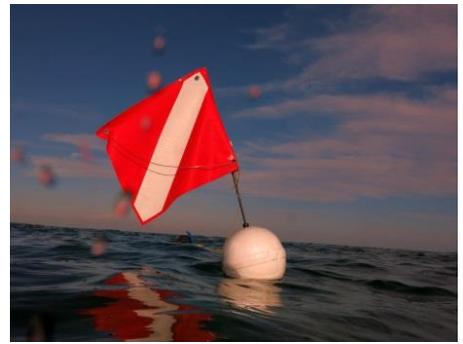
- If you have not yet done this, please send a picture of yourself, and a quote, or favourite dive, or inspirational event that happened while diving, or encouraged you to become a diver.
- Parents, please help the Seal girls do this as well. Pool dives count.
- There is no format, or right or wrong way. Electronic or hard copy, whatever works.

**Local Dive Safety:** We saw something disturbing on the weekend, and would like the entire local dive community to take heed, as it is a common risk that divers have a responsibility to manage.

We were at Clear Lake and saw a diver put himself at great risk by surfacing a great distance from his small dive flag. Boats were between the diver and the flag, and the boats were the proper distance away from the flag.

The distance that boats have to leave is 100 metres. Judging distance is difficult, so err on the side of caution and remain very close to the dive flag. In fact, when not stationary near your flag, you usually tow the float using a line and something to carry the line on, such as a reel. You may also need a flag stiffener which keeps the flag unfurled when there is no wind.

I will follow up soon with more information about dive flag regulations in our newsletter and the local media. In the meantime, please dive carefully, and respect the law about flying a dive flag.



**AUC: Alberta Underwater Council:** There are many well organized events throughout the province – check the website and find events that interest you, or are in your area.

**Featured Trip: St. Lucia.** Join us in an outstanding holiday for divers & non divers on Jan 20-27, 2018. This Caribbean island has unspoiled diving in a protected park, and is suitable for non-divers who enjoy activities from relaxing on the beach, or guided or unguided hikes.



“...If you are looking for an unusual dive destination with strong components of romance, creature comforts, adventure and dive professionalism, Anse Chastanet Resort should definitely be on your wish list. Stephen Frink, photographer, publisher of Alert Diver Magazine.



Ahh...this is not the kind of diving we will be enjoying at Clear Lake this summer. For details on booking, call the shop or email [mark@albertadivers.com](mailto:mark@albertadivers.com).

**Featured trip: Lund BC.** This is a boutique bed and breakfast on a tiny island near Povel River, BC. This unique hideaway is located in the Desolation Sound area, and is home to incredible diving. Typically diving in the west coast is non-guided – the dive operator takes you to the location and divers are on their own. The unique feature for the available dates is that Divemaster Jay Winklemans is available to offer guided dives. Experienced and inexperienced divers will enjoy Jay’s local knowledge and sense of humour.

DM Guided Dives

- Gain the pleasure and experience of Ocean diving
- Desolation Sound is a Top Dive destination in the World
- Dives guided by DM Jay Winklemans

### Travel Schedule:

Sign up to our growing list of people interested in these trips!

- BC – Lund: mid-Aug to Sept, 2017: choose three days at a boutique Bed & Breakfast
- BC – Campbell River: Sept long weekend: Salmon run: NEW
- St. Eustatius: Oct 21-28, 2017- resort – featured trip
- St. Lucia: Jan 20-27, 2018- resort
- Antarctica: Feb 18-Mar 3, 2018 – live aboard
- Dumagete, Philippines: March 14-23, 2019 – resort, details brewing.
- Tubbataha, Philippines: March 23-31, 2019 – live aboard, details brewing.
- Contact the dive store for more information on any of these trips.

**Store hours:** We are open from 8:30 to 5:30 weekdays, except Tues., open from 12-5, then to Clear Lake for dive night.

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