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Seattle Scuba Schools News - April 09

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Dear Divers,

Spring finally made it here! We will surely still get plenty of rainy days, but at least the snow should finally die down and we will get some sunshine in between in there :-). It was great to see so many of you out at our last club dive at Edmonds, we hope to see lots more of you this month.

Here is our latest news and what we have going on for the next month or so. I know some of you are thinking, 'what happened to the March newsletter?'. In short, we got too busy and it didn't make it out in time, so instead of sending out two right on top of each other, we are sending this one out a little early.

Next weekend - April 25 & 26 - is the Northwest Dive Expo at the Tacoma Convention Center. If you are planning on attending stop by the school, we have 1/2 price admission coupon on the counter for you. We will have a booth at the expo.

As always, scroll through to read it all, or skip down to the parts that interest you.

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April 18 & 19, May 16 & 17, June 27 & 28

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May 9 & 10, August 1 & 2

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Coming next month

[Link to Seattle Scuba Facebook Group](#)

New Books in Stock!

Many of you know that we have had a full range of PADI and NAUI materials, plus the book Northwest Wreck Dives, by Scott Boyd. As of a couple of weeks we now have a great range of Fish Identification books in stock as well.



The local area book "Coastal Fish Identification - California to Alaska" is now in the 2nd edition and the updates are fabulous. There are more fish species and a lot more pictures in this edition.

We also have the Tropical Pacific and Baja to Panama ID books in stock. Stop by and check them out, we have an open copy of each on hand so you can flip through them before you take one home.

Mexico Trip Update



For those of you who missed the info, we have a trip planned to Loreto in June. Four days of diving in the Loreto National Marine Park, six days in nice sunny Mexico. The full details are on the website:<http://www.seattlescuba.com/loreto.html>

The trip is pretty full, but if you want to go check with us, we might be able to add a few more divers to our group.

You have to be Advanced certified to go, but we still have two classes between now and the trip.

[More info on the Mexico trip](#)

New Specialty Offering - Emergency Oxygen Provider

July 13 - 6:00pm

We are now offering the Emergency O2 provider class. One of the biggest components of first aid for dive injuries such as decompression sickness and lung overexpansion injury, as well as more universal incidents such as cardiac arrest and stroke, is the administration of 100% Oxygen. However, current statistics show that less than 50% of injured divers receive Oxygen, and those that do receive concentrations far below 100% because of inadequate administration. We can better those statistics by increasing the number of divers who are trained in O2 use, come be one of them, it could literally save a diver's life someday!



[More info about O2 specialty](#)

Shore Dives

Open to divers with cold water experience (i.e. certified around here)

Free!

April 19 - Alki Pipeline

Great Photography Site! A bit of a swim, but after Edmonds you are all used to that.... bring your camera if you have one, and have a great dive. The tides call for early diving, so we are meeting at the site at 9:00am. Pick up rental gear on Saturday if you need it.

May 17 - Les Davis - or Davies - in Tacoma

Les Davis? Les Davies? There seems to be a debate in the dive community as to the spelling and pronunciation of the dive site, but no matter how you pronounce it, we decided to add a site that we haven't had a club dive at recently. It will be closer for those of you who live South, and worth the trip for a new site for those of you in

Seattle. Last dive here two of our staff found Wolf Eels!



June 14th - World Ocean's Day BBQ & Club Dive - Redondo Beach

Bring your friends and family, your dive gear, and something to throw on the BBQ, or skip the dive gear and just come hang out. This is the only club dive where we close the entire school and go party at the beach. We will have a couple of BBQs with us that you can use. Come by and get your rental gear at least a day ahead, we won't be here in the morning! The dive site is a great favorite of our staff, you see all the cool stuff here on a regular basis. There are about 3 Giant Pacific Octopus there, numerous Grunt Sculpin, Sailfin Sculpin, Pacific Spiny Lumpsuckers (Yes, that is a real fish) + some great invertebrate life too.

[More shore dives](#)

Boat Dives

Open to divers with cold water experience (i.e. certified around here)

\$95 for two dives and lunch - max of 6 divers

May 30 - June 13 - July 11

Have you been out on the boat recently? We have been getting some great dives in and have been visiting some new sites including Orchard Rocks - where at least someone on the boat has seal underwater on every dive - and Des Moines Wreck - a cool new wreck.



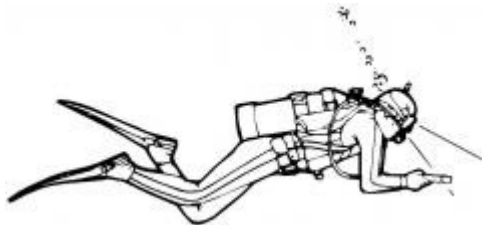
The last boat trip filled with a waiting list as long as the passenger list, so reserve your spot as soon as you can!

[More boat dives](#)

Advanced Open Water Class

April 18 & 19 (Instructor: Sean) May 16 & 17 (Instructor: Heidi) June 27 & 28

Open Water divers, you didn't learn everything in your beginner class, just like school doesn't end at kindergarden! The Advanced and Rescue are the other two core classes you absolutely should take to round out your dive skills. the Advanced class is 5 Dives, two days, lots of fun. Better your navigation, experience diving between 60' and 100', try boat diving, learn to identify some of the local creatures, work on your buoyancy, try a night dive..... This class, along with the Basic Scuba Rescue, is the follow up to the Open Water class and it introduces you to some of extra skills that are important for diving, and just some fun stuff that is good to know.



Day 1 is beach diving. Day 2 is boat diving. Tuition includes full rental gear.

Cost: \$385 total

Tuition: \$250 Textbook: \$40 Charter Fee: \$95

Special!: Drysuit Specialty and Advanced Class Combo

\$100 to add Drysuit Specialty to your Advanced class

Book your AOW and Drysuit class together and get a \$50 tuition discount and free rental for the drysuit class, plus you get to do your entire AOW class in a Drysuit. Two days of shore diving, one day of boat diving, 7 dives total all in a warm drysuit. Drysuit class is typically scheduled a week or two before the Advanced, but you can pick any Drysuit Specialty date and any Advanced Class.

Cost: \$485 for both classes

Drysuit Specialty Dates
May 9 - June 21 - July 19

Rescue Diver Classes

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NAUI Basic Scuba Rescue

For divers without Advanced certification

May 9 - November 21

Open Water certified? Then you can take this class, no Advanced certification is required. Learn the basics of self rescue and how to deal with emergencies given your current skills and knowledge. This is 1 day beginner friendly class designed to boost your confidence and make you a safer diver.

It doesn't matter if your basic certification is PADI or NAUI or SSI etc... you are still welcome in this class.

Tuition: \$150 Text: \$37

PADI Full Rescue Diver Program

For divers who are Advanced certified

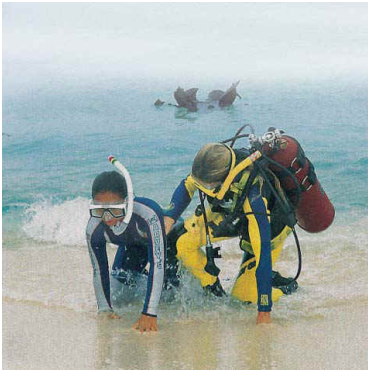
May 9 & 10 - August 1 & 2

The full class, 2 days of skill building, practical application, scenario practice and fun. Learn to prevent and deal with all manner of dive emergencies.

The third of the core classes, it will make diving safer for you and everyone around you.

Prerequisite: Advanced Certification

Tuition: \$250 Text: \$37



Current First Aid/CPR certification is required for both of the above, we have a class scheduled on May 8th.

[More info on Rescue Classes](#)

Specialties

These classes are one or two day classes that focus on one specific area of diving, so you can tailor your skills to your interests. For most of the below classes you can use the same textbook as for the Advanced Open Water class, the "Adventures in Diving Manual".

Drysuit Specialty

May 9 - June 21 - July 19

A one day class that can make a world of difference in your dive enjoyment. Some folks can dive around here year round in a wetsuit, but if you aren't one of them, come take the Drysuit class. 2 dives in one day.

Just imagine walking down into the water and not feeling that cool rush into your suit!

Tuition: \$150 - Study Materials: "Adventures in Diving Manual"

Sign up for this and your Advanced class together and get free rental and a \$50 tuition discount.

Prerequisite: **Open Water**

Deep Diver Specialty

May 2 & 3

Go beyond the depths of Open Water and Advanced. Some of the most interesting wrecks in the world, including a number of them in British Columbia, are at depths between 80' - 130'. Learn the procedures and skills necessary to safely dive to depths up to 130' feet including emergency decompression procedures, info about carrying pony bottles 4 dives over 2 days. One day of diving of the beach, one diving on the boat.

Tuition: \$225 - Boat Charer Fee: \$95 - Study Materials: "Adventures in Diving Manual"

Prerequisite: **Advanced Open Water**

Digital Underwater Photography

May 30 & 31 + more dates coming soon

Become a master at taking pictures underwater. Two days of diving and reviewing picture taking techniques.

Taught by Divemaster Todd Husman, creator of the Sound Aquatic Underwater calendar. Take this class to get ready for the photo contest coming up later in the year.

Tuition: \$195 - Textbook: \$28 - Camera Rental Available

Prerequisite: **Open Water**



Nitrox/Enriched Air Specialty

April 27- 6:00 pm - May 21 - 6:00pm - June 26 - 6:00pm

Drastically extend your bottom time by reducing the Nitrogen in your breathing mix. Using standard air at 50ft your no decompression limit is 80 minutes, using 36% Oxygen instead your no decompression limit is 220 minutes! No complicated math required, but you do need to know that special procedures for using Nitrox. Home study plus an evening of academic review. No dives required.

Tuition: \$95 Textbook and Dive tables: \$70

Prerequisite: **Open Water**

Emergency Oxygen Provider

July 13, 2009 6:00pm

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Homestudy followed by an evening of academic review.

Tuition: \$75 Study Kit: \$30

Prerequisite: **Fog a mirror**

Altitude Specialty

June 27 - Lake Chelan

Try diving in freshwater and explore the unique ecosystems that exist in lake environments.

Instructor Corey will be heading over to Lake Chelan the weekend of June 27 & 28.

Join him on Saturday for the Altitude Specialty and Sunday for a club dive.

Tuition: \$175 - Study Materials: "Adventures in Diving Manual"

Prerequisite: **Open Water**

There are more specialties scheduled and posted on the website. If there is something you want to take, but you don't see it listed let us know, we might be able to set it up.

[More Specialty Classes Info](#)

CPR/First Aid Class

May 8th - 6:00pm

Learn/refresh your skills in order to respond appropriately in emergency situations. No diving certification required!

This class is required for the Rescue classes and generally recommended for everyone.

Tuition: \$65 Student Kit: \$39

[More info on CPR/First Aid](#)



Kids Summer Programs

Have kids? Or know any who are interested in scuba and the marine world? Remember that we are planning some great kids programs this summer including the PADI Seal Team, a pool experience and great start in Scuba for kids age 8 - 12.



Also, for kids 10 and up we do Jr Open Water certification year round.

We are still working on what the official name for all the kids that dive with us should be, maybe "The Tunikids"... or "The Sea Squirts"? We are going to let them vote on it :-). Later in the summer we plan on having a special 'Kids Dive Day', we will let you know the details later on.

[More info on the kids programs](#)

Photography Corner



As promised, here is our new photo corner, where you get all the photo news - it will grow as time goes on.

1. Photo Contest

We are putting the final touches on the guidelines for our photo contest, to be held later in the year. In the meantime you can get ready for it by taking lots of pictures! The club dive this month is a great photography site, and Todd - our photo expert - is hosting it, so you can pick his brains, and ask him when his next photography specialty is scheduled!

2. Photo of the month

Every month we will be adding a picture in this corner that is especially interesting, cool, or down right weird.

This month's picture is of a stubby squid. Todd took it, and it captures the movement of the little squid in great form. Can't wait to see what he has for next month!

Gear Specials

TruWest Parkas - 50% off - MSRP \$199 - Sale Price: \$99.50

Want to stay warm between dives? These parkas are specifically designed for divers and can be worn over a wetsuit or drysuit to make your surface interval entirely more pleasant than being caught in the wind while you are standing on the boat or switching your tanks out. We have a wide range of colors and sizes.



Coming Next Month

More info on the photo contest

More club dives

More specialties scheduled

+ perhaps something else!

That is it for now, dive safe,

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