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Seattle Scuba Schools News - August/September 09

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Dear Divers,

With the business of summer and our current expansion underway, we didn't get a newsletter out last month. Here is what we have been up to.

Even though it has finally cooled down a little from the recent heat wave highs, summer is still here and the sun is supposed to be back this weekend. The visibility has been great underwater, 40 - 50 feet at Alki on Saturday.

The last club dive was a resounding success, some folks found as many as 3 Giant Pacific Octopus. The next Club Dive is a BBQ at the Junkpile on August 29th. In September the big BBQ and club dive will be at Keystone Jetty on September 27th, we hope you can make both of them! If you haven't been to a club dive before don't be shy, it is a great way to meet other divers who might be looking for regular dive buddies, and a chance to get in some great shore dives while you are at it.

There is some space left in the Advanced Open Water class going out this coming weekend - August 15 & 16th - so if you have been thinking about taking the class, now is a great chance. There is also room on the Sunday August 16th boat for a few fun divers, if you are Advanced Open Water certified already with local diving experience come on out! The first dive is planned to be at Shilshole Barges, the second at Boeing Creek Reef.

Below is the information on what is coming up soon. As always, drop us a note with any questions you have.

Special News

The Expansion Continues

Club Dives

Day Boat Dives

Aug 16th, Sep 12th, Sep 26th

Night Boat Dives

Sep 11th

Shore Dives

Aug 29th (BBQ & dive), Sep 27th (BBQ & dive)

Classes

Advanced Open Water Class

Aug 15 & 16, Sep 12 & 13, Oct 10 & 11

Rescue Diver

Nov 21 & 22

Specialties

UW Photography Specialty

Aug 22 & 23

Drysuit Specialty

Aug 30, Sep 20th

Enriched Air/Nitrox Specialty

Aug 24th

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The Expansion Continues.....

We are still working on expanding from our current space into the old swimming school office. We are almost ready for the really fun part..... moving the retail. Come by and check it out in a couple of weeks :-).

Boat Fun Dives

Weekend Day Trips

~~~~ Open to all divers with cold water experience ~~~~

**August 16 (requires Advanced Open Water certification as well) planned to Shilshole Barges and Boeing Creek Reef.**

**September 12th, September 26th**

**Cost:** \$95 for two dives and lunch - max of 6 divers + 2 staff.

Come out on the Aluminator for a great day on the boat and some fabulous diving. Go visit the seals at Orchard Rocks, the Rockfish at Boeing Creek Reef, the Wrecks at Shilshole Barges, the Octopus at West Seattle Reef..... Leaving out of Elliot Bay Marina by 9am, these are really fun trips that let you experience some of the sites in Puget Sound that are not accessible by shore.

#### Friday Evening Trips

~~~~ Open to all divers with **night diving AND cold water experience** ~~~~

September 11

Cost: \$95 for two dives and food - max of 6 divers + 2 staff.

Leaving out of Elliot Bay Marina 6:30pm. We go out for two dives, a dusk dive and a night dive, with Howie's great bread, soup etc... in between.

Minimum of 4 divers for these trips to go, max of 6 so sign up soon.

[More info](#)

Shore Fun Dives

Come on out to some of our local beach sites for some fun dives. Never been to one of our club dives before? Don't have a buddy? Not an issue.

There will be dive staff on the beach to help give you an overview of the dive site, and there will be other divers who need to find buddies, just like you! Remember, our shore fun dives are all FREE.

Drop by the school to pick up rental gear if you need it, then meet us at the beach.

"cold water experience" means Puget Sound or other area where you wore at least a 6mm wetsuit.

There is more info about each of these dives on the website.

Club Dive and BBQ - Alki Junkpile - August 29th

~~~~ Open to all divers with cold water experience ~~~~

Meet at the school at noon, or at the site at 1pm with your dive gear and something to throw on the BBQ. There will be dive staff on the beach from 1pm to 4:30pm checking divers in and out of the

water. This site has a series of artificial reef structures and is somewhere we commonly see grunt sculpins. On a dive last week two of our dive staff saw two Cabezon, a Red Irish Lord... and all kinds of other critters.

### **Club Dive and BBQ -Keystone Jetty (Whidbey Island)- September 27th**

~~~~ **Open to all divers with cold water experience** ~~~~

Meet at the site at noon with your dive gear and something to throw on the BBQ. There will be dive staff on the beach from noon to 3:30pm checking divers in and out of the water. This is one of the absolute best dives around, one of the few places that is shore accessible where you can still see schools of rockfish. It is also common to see octopus and wolf eels here. Most of the dive site is in the 30 - 50' depth range.

[More info](#)

Advanced Open Water Class

August 15 & 16, September 12 & 13, October 10 & 11

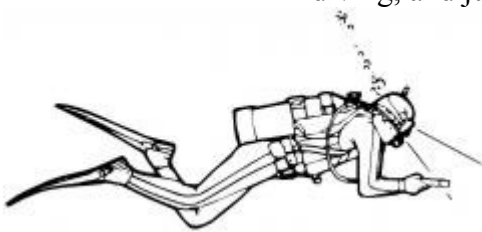
Open Water divers, you didn't learn everything in your beginner class, just like school doesn't end at kindergarten! The Advanced and Rescue are the other two core classes you absolutely should take to round out your dive skills. The Advanced class is 5 Dives, two days, lots of fun. Better your navigation, 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.

Cost: \$385

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

If you need any rental gear, it is available at half price for use during the class.



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 off of the tuition both classes, 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

If you need any rental gear, it is available at half price for use during the class.

Drysuit Specialty Dates

August 30th, September 20th

[More info](#)



Rescue Diver
The next step after Advanced



November 21 & 22

Two 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 and CPR/First Aid certification.**

CPR/First Aid class scheduled just before the Rescue weekend if you need it.

Tuition: \$250 Text: \$37

If you need any rental gear, it is available at half price for use during the class.

[More info](#)

UW Photography Specialty

August 22 & 23



Get ready for the photo contest or just hone your underwater picture taking skills. Two days of diving and reviewing picture taking techniques. Taught by Divemaster Todd Husman, creator of the Sound Aquatic Underwater calendar. Day 1 is classroom practice of camera maintenance and care, along with basic shooting techniques for local area photography. Classroom time is followed by a dive where you will practice taking various types of pictures, then back to the classroom to review your pictures and comment on how to improve your pictures. Day 2 will involve some more advanced camera techniques, along with some

picture editing skills. This is a really great class to help you make the most of your underwater time with a camera.

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

Prerequisite: **Open Water**

Gear Special: If you choose to purchase a camera when you sign up for this class, or during the weekend, you would get 20% off of the price marked in store. That includes all of the Intova cameras, and the newly released and highly reviewed Sealife DC800, as well as the Reefmaster Mini.

[More info](#)

Drysuit Specialty

August 30, September 20th

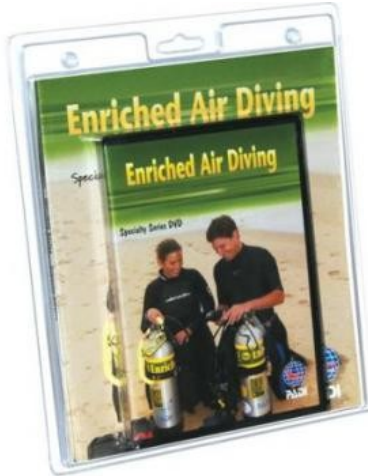
A one day class that can make a world of difference in your dive enjoyment. Some folks can dive around here year round in a wetsuit, but if you aren't one of them, come take the Drysuit class. 2 dives in one day. Just imagine



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

Tuition: \$150 - Study Materials: "Adventures in Diving Manual" \$40
Sign up for this and your Advanced class together and get a \$50 tuition discount.
Prerequisite: **Open Water**

[More info](#)



Enriched Air/Nitrox Specialty

August 24th

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**

[More info](#)

Next months newsletter should be back to our standard format with gear specials etc...

That is it for now, dive safe,

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