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## **Seattle Scuba Schools News - May/June 09**

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Dear Divers,

Sunshine! Every day for days! Are we really in Seattle? We hope you are getting a chance to be out enjoying the beautiful weather. Last weekend divers at our Les Davis club dive found Wolf eel, and the Advanced Class diving off of the boat did a dive at Boeing Creek Reef and saw too many rockfish to count.

We have added a club dive for next weekend for experienced divers, and our big BBQ is coming up soon in June, so if you haven't been out diving recently you should come on out. The water has even warmed up a little and with the sun out there is no excuse not to come diving!

For those of you who want to try diving elsewhere, we are scheduling a trip to Palau for May 2010, details are below.

As always, scroll down to read through everything or click on one of the links below to skip to what interests you.

Note: After the last newsletter went out we realized the link to the kids page was broken. The correct link is: <http://www.seattlescuba.com/kids.html>

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## **New "Experienced Diver" Club Dive Salt Water State Park (Des Moines area) - May 31**



Open to divers who are Advanced Open Water certified and have 20 + cold water dives. Meet at the school at 8:30am to carpool, or at the site at 9:30.

Early this year a brand new artificial reef structure was installed at this site. Come check out the really interesting structure, and see who has moved into this great new home so far!

Make sure you don't miss our big BBQ - June 14th!

[More club dives](#)

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## **Trip to Paradise! May 2010**



We are setting up a 7 day trip to Palau for May 2010, with a possible 5 day add on to Yap - the world's foremost destination for Manta Rays. Palau is the westernmost island chain in Micronesia and is known as one of the 'underwater wonders of the world'. It has amazing species diversity, with over 700 species of corals and anemones, and 1500+ species of fish. These are alongside larger pelagic dwellers such as dolphins, turtles, sharks.....

We will get more info up on the website soon, but here is the basic info.

Dates: Palau trip, May 8 - 16, 2010 Palau with Yap add on trip, May 8 - 20, 2010  
Palau: 7 nights, 5 days of diving Yap: 5 nights, 3 days of diving

The cost is not completely confirmed yet because we can't get 2010 contract dates confirmed until July, but here are the tentative numbers.

Palau trip: ~ \$3100 including roundtrip airfare from LA/Palau, all accommodations & diving  
Palau trip with Yap add on: \$4200 including roundtrip airfare from LA/Palau/Yap, all accommodations & diving.

\$500 deposit due at time of booking, balance due by Jan 8, 2010

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## Specialty Dates Added



We just added some more specialty programs for the summer. Expand your dive skills and take a step towards the Master Scuba Diver rating!

We have added a Deep Dive specialty on July 18 & 19, a Navigation specialty on August 8 & 9, First Aid/CPR July 30, and an Enriched Air/Nitrox specialty on July 20.

There is still some space in the upcoming Altitude specialty June 27, we only offer this once a year so it is a great opportunity that should not be missed.

For the full schedule of specialty classes, visit our specialty page:

<http://www.seattlescuba.com/spec.html>

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## 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**

Come out and spend a day diving and hanging out in the sun on the Aluminator. On recent dives we saw Wolf Eel at KVI Tower, octopus at China Wall, more rockfish than you could count at Boeing Creek Reef, huge Lingcod at West Seattle Reef....



[More boat dives](#)

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## Shore Dives

**New! May 31 at Salt Water State Park**

**Open to Advanced Open Water certified divers with 20 + cold water dives... ie... around here.**

Visit the new artificial reef structure and see who has moved in so far. The structure is meant to have a vertical component to it to mimic kelp forest strata, allowing a wider diversity of critters to move in. This is a great chance to see how life takes over the stuff humans put down there.

Meet to carpool at 8:30 at the school or 9:30 to dive at the site.

**June 14th at Redondo - BBQ (The Big One)**

**Open to all divers with cold water experience.... ie... certified around here.**

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 Lumpsumsuckers (Yes, that is a real fish) + some great invertebrate life too.

Meet at the site at 11:00.

**June 28th - Altitude Club Dive**

**Open to divers with cold water experience & Altitude Specialty certification.**

**(Altitude specialty offered at Lake Chelan June 27th)**

Come camping for the weekend and do some diving in freshwater, sans the Chlorine! Lake Chelan State Park is located on the Southern side of the 50 mile long lake. Freshwater typically has better visibility than the Sound, along with fascinating rock formations and a variety of freshwater fish. Water temperature is usually ~ 60, so standard 7mm wetsuits or drysuits are recommended. Campgrounds nearby include Lake Chelan State Park and Twenty-Five Mile Creek campground. Reservations are strongly recommended for the campgrounds. Other lodging options are listed at [www.chelanlodging.com](http://www.chelanlodging.com).

### **July 12th BBQ at Harpers Ferry/Dock - Port Orchard**

**Open to all divers with cold water experience.... ie... certified around here.**

Bring your gear and something to throw on the BBQ and come hang out for the day. This dive site is a nice shallow dive along an old ferry dock, with all the life that comes with old pilings in the water. There are also two little wrecks in the vicinity to go check out. Nice spot for photography, beginners, or experienced divers who want nice long dives and no deco obligations.

[More shore dives](#)

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## **Advanced Open Water Class**

**June 27 & 28, July 25 & 26, August 15 & 16**

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 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**

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.

Cost: \$485

[More info](#)

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## **Rescue Diver Classes**

## **PADI Rescue Diver Program** **August 1 & 2, November 21 & 22**

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 July 30th.

[More info](#)

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## **Specialties**

We currently have scheduled the following specialty classes scheduled for the next few months

**Altitude Specialty \* Deep Diver \* Digital UW Photography \* Drysuit \* Emergency O2  
Provider \* Nitrox \* Underwater Navigation**

Check out the website for more info about each and dates.

[More info](#)

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## **Kids Summer Programs**

### **PADI Seal Team**

An intro to Scuba/snorkeling and water skills program for kids ages 8 - 12. Conducted entirely in the pool, this is a great way for kids to experience Scuba diving in a safe and completely non competitive environment. Participants will learn basic Scuba skills like mask clearing, regulator skills, how to assist your buddy etc..... plus some of the more advanced skills not always included in grown up programs, such as upside down ping pong ball races, navigating an underwater obstacle course,

who can stand on their head the longest underwater.....



The program is conducted over 3 Saturday afternoons  
**June 27th, 2009      Aquamission 1 & Snorkeling skills**  
**July 25th, 2009      Aquamission 2 & 3**  
**August 22nd, 2009    Aquamission 4 & 5**

Cost: \$150 - includes use of all equipment needed, all three training sessions and the academic materials for this unique program.

[More info on the kids programs](#)

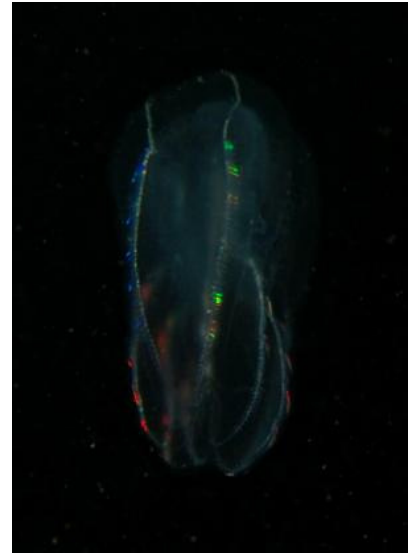
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## Photography Corner

Ever noticed the tiny little jellyfish in the water column? Ever tried to take a picture of one??? Ask anyone who has and they will tell you that getting a picture of one is no easy matter, which makes this month's photo all the more special.

In the photo you can see what makes these little jellies so special, they have beautiful little cilia on their sides that reflect light back to us in rainbows as they oscillate back and forth.

Photo by Todd Husman - our resident Digital UW photography expert. Todd is teaching the May 30 & 31 - and July 18 & 19 classes.



Remember that we are having a photo contest later in the year, so make sure you are getting lots of pictures of your dives!

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## Gear Specials Corner

Want a drysuit? Between now and the end of May, all Oceaner and Teknodiver drysuits are 40% off! This goes for any suits we have in store, **and** any orders placed by the end of May!

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That is it for now, dive safe,

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