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Seattle Scuba Schools News – October/November 09

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Dear Divers,

Happy Halloween! November is almost upon us, but not quite yet, so we can still call this the October/November newsletter :-). During the past few weeks we have been putting the not quite finishing touches on our new space and getting more settled in. If you haven't dropped by to see it yet, you should, we think it is starting to look really nice! To help encourage you to drop by we have included a coupon in this newsletter for you to use towards your Christmas shopping - remember that you can be your own Santa... - or towards that new piece of gear you have been drooling over for a while.

Below is all the info on the classes, shore and boat dives coming up soon. The visibility has been really nice recently, we hope to have the chance to see you out enjoying it on some of the upcoming activities.

Special News

New Photo Gear

Discount Coupon..... Christmas Shopping Help

Classes

Advanced Open Water Class Nov 7 & 8, Dec 5 & 6

Drysuit/Advanced Combo Special – Save over \$100 when you sign up for both!

Rescue Diver Class Nov 21 & 22

Specialties

Drysuit Nov 1, Nov 15, Dec 6

Night Diver Nov 13 & 14

Enriched Air/Nitrox Dec 14 – Just Added!

Oxygen Provider Dec 7 – Just Added!

First Aid/CPR Class Nov 16

Underwater Photography Dec 5 & 6

Club Dives

Boat Dives - Only three boats trip left for the year....

Shore Dives - Day club dives + a night dive the 3rd Wednesday of every month!

Gear Specials – Sea Life and Intova Cameras

New Camera Toys

Now that we are finally moved (just right next door for those of you who missed it) and mostly settled into the new space we got some new spaces set up. One is the photography corner, we have **a bunch** of

cameras on special at the moment, and we just got a new shipment of tray arms, strobe brackets.... you name it, we have it, or can order it for you!

We also have a lot of pictures on display, both on canvas and digitally so you can see the kind of shots folks are getting with these cameras.

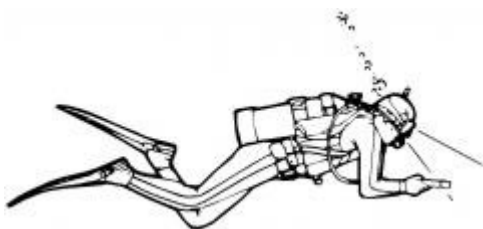


Advanced Open Water Class

The next step for Open Water Divers.

November 7 & 8, December 5 & 6

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 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. It is also required for a lot of boat trips and club dives. 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.



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.

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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, plus you get to do your entire AOW class in a Drysuit, without paying rental on the suit or any other gear!. 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

Use of drysuit/undergarment is included in tuition.

Drysuit Specialty Dates
November 1, November 15th, December 6th

Rescue Diver

The next step for Advanced Open Water divers

November 21 & 22 (+ Nov 20th evening orientation) - Instructor: Heidi Wilken



Two 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.

Ask anyone you know who has taken this class, they will tell you it was hands down one of the most important, fun, challenging and empowering experiences they had. During this class we will work with each person to help them figure out



what rescue techniques will work best for them. We all leave the rambo mentality at home for this class, so don't worry about not being 'ready' or 'big' enough or 'strong enough', no matter your dive experience and skill level when you come into the class, we will work with you to make you more comfortable in your dive skills and your ability to deal with emergencies that might arise.

Prerequisite: Advanced Certification and CPR/First Aid certification.

CPR/First Aid class scheduled on the Monday before the Rescue class 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.

Note: The November Rescue class is almost full, if you have been thinking about taking this class don't wait until the last minute as there may not be space!

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Drysuit Specialty

November 1, November 15th, December 6th

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. We will cover the techniques you need to know to dive safely in a drysuit. It isn't difficult, it just takes a little practice and it is definitely warm!

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**

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Night Diving Specialty

November 13 & 14

Friday 6:30pm & Saturday at 5:30pm



Expand your dive opportunities by becoming confident about and competent with the skills needed to dive at night. Practice navigating at night, experience complete blackout conditions, learn about the many light options that exist. As we head into fall being comfortable night diving will drastically increase your dive opportunities, the days are going to get shorter, but we can still night dive after work! Some of your best chances to see the coolest life around are also at night; the Giant

Pacific Octopus, the local harbor seals, sixgill sharks, many species of fish... they all come out at night to play. Take this specialty and you will be ready to go hang out with them any time of day!

Tuition: \$175 - Study Materials: "Adventures in Diving Manual" \$40

Prerequisite: **Open Water or above with at least 2 recent (within 6 months) cold water dives.**

Equipment: You must own your own back up light and tank light. Primary lights can be rented for the class.

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Enriched Air/Nitrox Specialty

October 5th

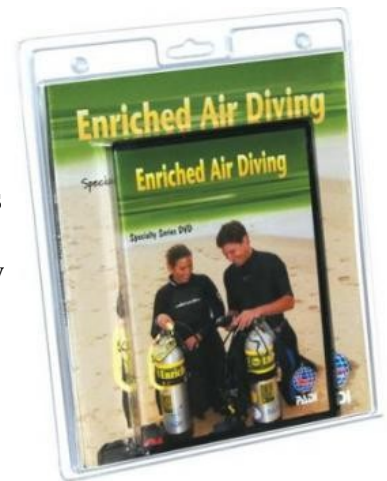
Drastically extend your bottom time by reducing the Nitrogen in your breathing mix. Using standard air at 50ft your no decompression limit is 80 minutes, using 36% Oxygen instead your no decompression limit is 220 minutes! No complicated math is required, but you do need to know the special procedures to safely dive Nitrox before diving with it. Once you do, you will be able to spend hours longer underwater, something every diver wants. Home study plus an evening of academic review.

Dives are optional.

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

Prerequisite: **Open Water**

Equipment: None required.



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CPR/First Aid Class

November 16 - 6:30pm

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.

The guidelines for how to administer CPR/First Aid have changed recently, so if refreshing those possibly life saving skills isn't enough of an incentive, come refresh to learn the new standards.

Tuition: \$65 Student Kit: \$39

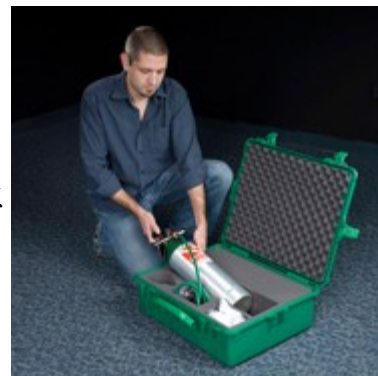
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Emergency Oxygen Provider

December 7th - 6:00pm

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 a those that do receive far less than 100% O2 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.

Homestudy followed by an evening of academic review.



Tuition: \$75 Study Kit: \$30
Prerequisite: **Fog a mirror**

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UW Photography Specialty

December 5 & 6

Hone your underwater picture taking skills. Two days of diving and reviewing picture taking techniques. 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**
Equipment: None required.

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 highly reviewed Sealife DC800, as well as the Reefmaster Mini. Right now we have some of these at 25% off, the lowest price you will ever see. We are trying to make some space for the newer models that are practically the same, but have slightly higher megapixel values.

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Puget Sound Boat Trips

Cost: \$95 for two dives and lunch - max of 6 divers + up to 2 staff for a nice comfortable trip.

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, these are really fun trips that let you experience some of the sites in Puget Sound that are not accessible by shore.



Below are the dates, times and tentative dive sites each trip will go to. Please note, dives to specific sites cannot be guaranteed. If weather or safety concerns require diving an alternate dive site charter fees will not be refunded.

November 15th – 8:30 meet time at the marina

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

Planned sites: *Likers Reef, West Seattle Reef*

### **December 5th – 10:30 meet time at the marina**

~~~Open to Advanced Open Water or above with cold water experience ~~~

Planned sites: *Shilshole Barges, Boeing Creek Reef*

December 20th – 10:30 meet time at the marina

~~~Open to Advanced Open Water or above with cold water experience ~~~

Planned sites: *China Wall, Shangri La*

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## Shore 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.

**NEW: We now have club night dives the 3rd Wednesday of every month! Open to Advanced Open Water divers with Night dive experience or Night Dive Specialty divers.**

### **"3rd Wednesday of the Month" - Night Club Dive**

**Cove 2 – November 18th**

~~~~ Open to Advanced Open Water with Night dive experience or divers with Night Dive

Specialty ~~~~

The local haunt of West Seattle. Visit the wreck of the Honey Bear (A 50' sailboat that sank, along with the pilings it was attached to), which is often home to a Giant Pacific Octopus, or two; visit the I-Beams, the pilings, or wherever your favorite spot is.... just stay inside the boundary line! On night dives at this site you will often find yourself accompanied by extra dive buddies..... the harbor seals in the area like to hunt by diver light. Six Gill sharks, Ratfish and many other creatures often come out to play as well at this site after dark.

Day Club Dive

Redondo Beach (Des Moines area) - November 22

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

**Meet at the school at 10, or at the site at 11am. There will be dive staff on the beach from 11am to 3:30pm.**

A great site for many levels. Open water divers can explore the shallow line (~ 40 feet depending on the tides) while more advanced divers can head straight out from the beach and visit the critters down deeper. Giant Pacific Octopus, little red octopus, stubby squid, grunt sculpin, pacific spiny lumpsuckers..... all the really cool stuff has been sighted here. Right next to a Salty's restaurant too, so it can bring back fond memories of training in Cove 1 :-).

### "3rd Wednesday of the Month" - Night Club Dive

### Cove 2 - December 16

~~~~ Open to Advanced Open Water with Night dive experience or divers with Night Dive Specialty ~~~~

Meet at the school by 5:45pm, or at the site by 6:30pm.

The local haunt of West Seattle. Visit the wreck of the Honey Bear (A 50' sailboat that sank, along with the pilings it was attached to), which is often home to a Giant Pacific Octopus, or two; visit the I-Beams, the pilings, or wherever your favorite spot is.... just stay inside the boundary line! On night dives at this site you will often find yourself accompanied by extra dive buddies..... the harbor seals in the area like to hunt by diver light. Six Gill sharks, Ratfish and many other creatures often come out to play as well at this site after dark.

Day Club Dive

Alki Junkyard/Junkpile - December 19th

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

**Meet at the school at 11, or at the site at noon.**

This site is home to the cutest grunt sculpins in all of Puget Sound! Recently we saw 3 here on one dive. Just around the corner from Coves 1,2 and 3 this is one of our favorite dives. There is a line paralleling the beach in 45 - 55ft of water (Depending on the tide) that has piles of debris along it. Over the years life has attached to this debris to create a series of little artificial reefs. At the end of your dive you can swim along your safety stop in the shallows while enjoying the eelgrass beds, prime habitat for baby fish, Pacific Spiny Lumpsuckers, gunnels and snake pricklebacks, or you can spend your whole dive in the eelgrass.

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## Gear Specials - Sealife Cameras

We have a number of Sealife and Intova cameras at 25 - 50% off. It seems that every few months the manufacturers come out with a new model that is just like the old model, except it has a higher megapixel standard. We have a complete dual strobe DC 800, and a single strobe

DC 800 set up for sale at our cost, just so we can make more space for the new DC 1000.

We also have a number of Intova cameras at 50% off, \$150 for a 6mp digital camera & housing that has white balance settings, external strobe capabilities....

If you have been looking for a really good deal on a camera, this is it!

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That is it for now, dive safe.

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