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## **Seattle Scuba Schools News - September/October 09**

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## **The Move...**

We finally actually expanded/moved! We are still tweaking the location of everything in our new space, something that is likely to continue for an unknown period of time, but the main move happened a couple of weeks ago. Come check it out and let us know what you think when you have a chance.

We are still in the same building, but have taken over the swim club office that was right next door.

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## Palau in 2010 - Pricing confirmed



Dates: Palau trip, May 8 - 16, 2010  
7 nights, 5 days of diving

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.....

Palau trip: \$3100 including roundtrip airfare from LA/Palau, all accommodations & diving  
\$500 deposit due at time of booking, balance due by Jan 8, 2010

The prices above are based on a certain minimum group size. If the confirmed group size has not reached that minimum by Jan 8, 2010, the trip may be canceled.

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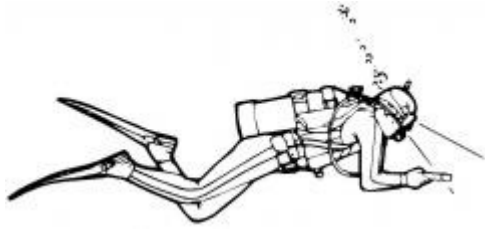
## Advanced Open Water Class

The next step for Open Water Divers.

October 10 & 11, November 7 & 8, December 12 & 13

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

Drysuit Specialty Dates

September 20th, October 18th, November 15th

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## Rescue Diver

**The next step for Advanced Open Water divers  
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.

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## **Divemaster Class**

Starting in early October

Join the ranks of the professionals! Divemasters work around the world with resorts, on dive boats, and with mainland dive operations. They assist with classes, supervise dives, and conduct dive experiences for certified divers. If you think you might like to work in the dive industry, this is the first step!



The Divemaster class consists of an academic development segment, a waterskills development segment, and a practical application segment where the Divemaster candidate works with students and certified divers to hone their supervision and assisting abilities.

Prerequisite: Open Water diver to begin the knowledge development section. To work with students/classes you will need to have completed the Advanced and Rescue diver classes.

We are starting a new round of Divemaster academics in early October. If you are interested contact Seattle Scuba instructor Heidi - [heidi@seattlescuba.com](mailto:heidi@seattlescuba.com)

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## **Drysuit Specialty**

**September 20th, October 18th,  
November 15th**

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**

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## Night Diving Specialty - Just Added!



**October 2 & 3 - 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!

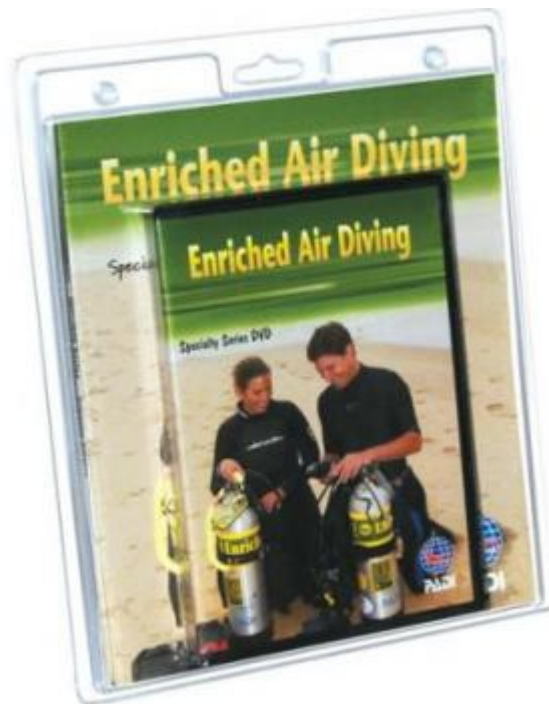
Tuition: \$175 - Study Materials: "Adventures in Diving Manual" \$40  
Prerequisite: **Open Water or above with at least 2 recent (within 6 months) cold water dives.**

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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

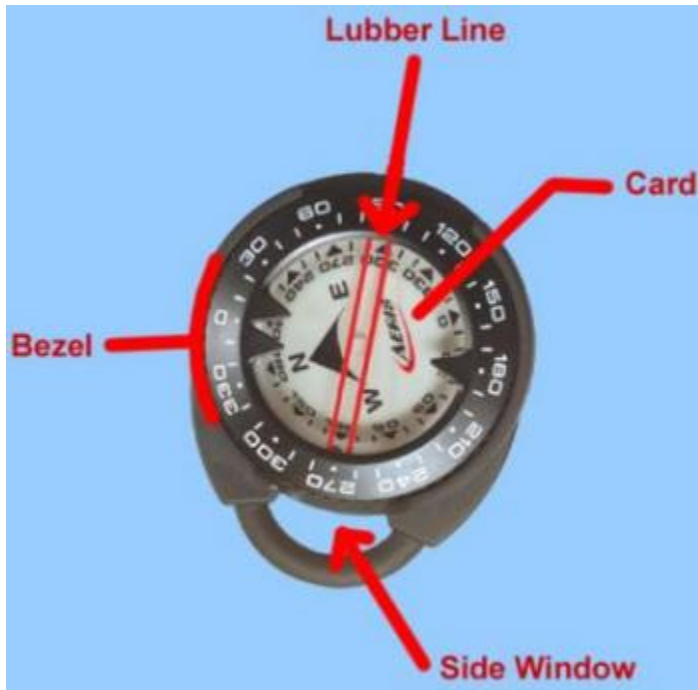
Prerequisite: **Open Water**

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## Underwater Navigation Specialty

October 24 & 25



Know where you are. Always!  
Underwater navigation is, without a doubt, the most important, and often, the most overlooked aspect of diving.

Remember your very first Open Water dive? You were excited about your first diving experience and probably paid little attention to where you were going during the dive. You were perhaps astonished to surface and see that your instructor knew exactly where you were all the time.

Navigation can be difficult but, with a little practice and experience, you too will soon be navigating like a pro. Three dives over two days practicing compass navigation, natural navigation, distance estimation etc.....

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

Prerequisite: **Open Water**

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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**

*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.*

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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.



**October 10th - 9:00am departure**

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

Planned sites: *KVI Tower, Metridium Wall*

**October 24th - 9:00am departure**

~~~~ Open to Advanced Open Water or above with cold water experience ~~~~  
Planned sites: *Shangri La, Blake Island Reef (drift dive)*

**November 15th - 9:00am departure**

~~~~ Open to all divers with cold water experience ~~~~  
Planned sites: *Likers Reef, West Seattle Reef*

**December 5th - 11:00am departure**

~~~~Open to Advanced Open Water or above with cold water experience ~~~~  
Planned sites: *Shilshole Barges, Boeing Creek Reef*

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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.**

### Daytime 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. 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.

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

#### Alki Junkpile/Junkyard - September 23rd

~~~~~ 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.

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 do your whole dive in the eelgrass! At night we often find Octopus, stubby squid and many varieties of sculpin here.

**New! "3rd Wednesday of the Month" - Night Club Dive  
Redondo - October 21st**

~~~~ 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.

Giant Pacific Octopus, little red octopus, stubby squid, grunt sculpin, pacific spiny lumpsuckers..... all the really cool stuff has been sighted here, especially at night. About 20 minutes South of Seattle, you can follow the shallow line to 40' - 55', or the deep line to 100'+. It is right next to a Salty's restaurant too, so it can bring back fond memories of training in Cove 1 :-).

**Daytime Club Dive  
Edmonds Underwater Park - October 25**

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

Meet at the school at 9:00, or at the site at 10:30am. There will be dive staff on the beach from 10:30am to 3:00pm.

If you are confused, yes, we did have Redondo scheduled, but we changed it to Edmonds. Edmonds Underwater Park has been a marine preserve for 30+ years, allowing large populations of really big fish to grow up here without fear of fishermen/spearfishing. 100lb+ Ling Cod are not at all uncommon. The entire dive is 35 - 40' deep so you can get in a good long dive to swim around amongst the kelp and explore. This site is a long swim and it is current sensitive so don't be late to the dive or you will miss the exchange!

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## **Gear Specials - Dive Rite Wings**

We have some more Dive Rite Wings on closeout. This part of your new BCD is 50% off, and we will get you as good a deal as on the rest of it too!

If you already have a transpac and are looking to pick up an extra wing, this is a great opportunity.

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That is it for now, dive safe.

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