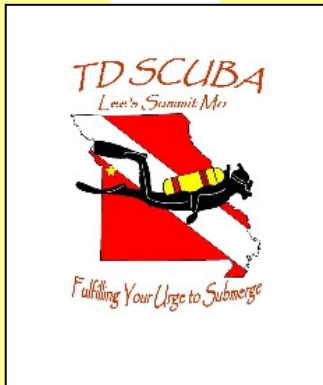


Deep Blue

January 2009



Quarter 1



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Happy New (Diving) Year!



As we welcome in the new year, I'm sure many of us are already dreaming of sandy beaches and sunny skies and the next bubble-making trip we'll take. Forget the snow drifts and salty roads—and look forward to drift dives and salt water! (Nothing against fresh water...we'll take that, too!)

Last year was filled with dives aplenty, and TD Scuba was able to welcome several new

instructors and divemasters to the team.

This year, we're looking forward to lots of H₂O time, and there's no better way to have fun than diving with a group of friends! Check out the many things coming up at TD Scuba. There are several opportunities to hit the water, and there's something that's sure to fit every schedule—from day trips to week-long adventures.

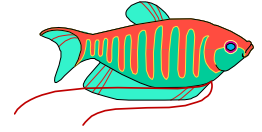
Oh, The Weather Outside Is Frightful...But To Dive Is So Delightful

There's plenty going on this winter to keep diving on your mind! Whether you're interested in fine-tuning your equipment knowledge, learning underwater photography techniques, or studying the migration habits of blue whales, TD Scuba is the place to go. Ok, well maybe not for the whale thing, but you get the picture. There are plenty of dry classroom experiences you

can choose to keep your mind on the water this winter. Stop by the shop and get involved in whatever suits your fancy.

Look into Nitrox, become an Equipment Specialist, brush up on your EFR & Rescue skills! The pool may not be open yet, but you'll be prepared with plenty of new skills when the time comes!





Upcoming Trips



February 7 - Bonne Terre Mine

Join in the fun as we head back to one of the local favorites for trails #1 and #2 for beginners as well as #3 and #4 for returning divers. You'll love seeing the old mining equipment in this crystal-clear (if a bit chilly) water! Be sure to accessorize with hood and gloves for this one!

March 22-29 - Cozumel, Mexico

Only \$699 per person for hotel and diving at Hotel Barracuda.

For more info., check out the Cozumel link on the TD Scuba website.

May 16-23 - Florida Keys

June 7-8 - Mermet Springs

Mermet Springs is an 8.5 acre spring-fed stone quarry located in Southern Illinois. It has something for everyone, including sunken treasures, platforms, and easy-entry docks. You can even follow the sheer walls of the quarry down to a depth of 120 ft. For more information on Mermet Springs diving, visit mermetsprings.com.

September 11-15 - USS Oriskany, Florida

This one requires you to have 50+ logged dives and have a rating of Master Scuba Diver or higher. This one is sure to be a packed trip...sign up soon to reserve your spot!

2010 - Bonaire

Stay tuned for details on this great upcoming trip!



The world is a book and
those who do not travel
read only one page.

-St. Augustine

New Year's Resolutions for Divers

Eat Like a Manatee, Dive Like a Dolphin

For most of us, carb overload begins at Thanksgiving and continues right through the new year. Resolve to get fit to dive. Did you know you can burn almost 900 calories per hour diving? AND, a fit diver will typically use less air and have more energy.

No More Frantic Fins

We are not kung fu fighters—we are divers, elegant and graceful in the water. Well, ok, that's the goal anyway. Controlled fins make you a controlled diver, and it's also a good way to protect the reef and your surroundings.

Drop the Lead

Yep, not only do the extra holiday pounds have to go, but the lead's gotta go, too. Overweighted divers have more trouble regulating their buoyancy and use more energy.

Equipment Overhaul

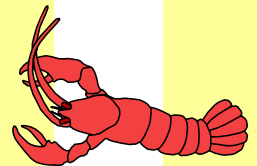
Grammarians don't tolerate dangling participles, and divers don't tolerate dangling equipment. In addition to regularly servicing your equipment to keep it in tip-top shape, check to see what might be dangling from you. Nobody wants to see a diver dragging equipment over the reef!

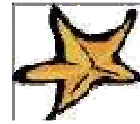
Learn Something New

If your photography skills stink, dust off the camera and sign up for a class in underwater photography. If most of your pictures of the underwater world are blue, bluer, and bluest, it may be time to find out how to fix it. Or if you've always wanted to learn how to dive in freezing cold water while tucked safely inside a dry suit, now's the time!

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.

-Bill Vaughn





Current Headlines



"Most of the problems in scuba diving come from ourselves."

-Jim Crocket

(underwatertimes.com)

Surfers' gastrointestinal illness risk higher than divers'

(Good thing for us!)

(underwatertimes.com)

Things to avoid while diving?

OUCH! Diver spears himself in groin

(cdnn.info)

WARNING: Do not eat whale meat

Really? Aw, man, now I gotta update the grocery list.

(cdnn.info)

Antarctic islands surpass Galapagos for biodiversity

Yeah, but the Galapagos are soooo much warmer!

(scubaherald.com)

Dude: where is my diving boat?

Bummer, dude. Would much rather lose my snorkel.

(scubaherald.com)

Why you should go diving in Indonesia

Ummm...because it's not in the Midwest?



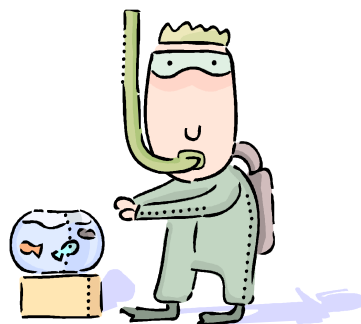


Benefits of Being Married to a Scuba Instructor



- Can communicate nearly any message in secret hand signals—comes in handy when favorite shows are on TV.
- Can identify any number of exotic and tropical fish, which comes in quite handy in the Midwest.
- Hot wetsuit tan is a real turn-on.
- Can provide instructor-quality demonstration of chores kids need to do.
- Plenty of waterproof luggage...in case of flash flood.
- Also, plenty of waterproof whistles, in case we are mugged during flash flood.
- Always have spare O-ring at hand, just in case of freak faucet leak.
- Closet full of neoprene for any occasion.
- Can find any missing item in our house by using a simple grid search pattern.
- Able to fix any free-flowing appliance in the house.

Have fun taking
diving seriously!





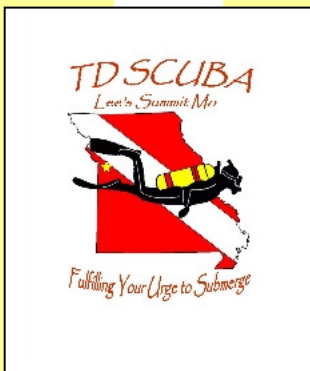
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*Fulfilling the Urge
to Submerge*



Congrats, Graduates!

- Dale, Caitlin - CPR/AED/First Aid - Adult/Child/Infant
- Gudde, Jenni - CPR/AED/First Aid - Adult/Child/Infant
- Hiatt, Michael - Advanced Open Water, Primary & Secondary Care (CPR/AED/First Aid)
- Lind, George - Open Water, Peak Performance Buoyancy
- Martin, Zelpha - CPR/AED/First Aid - Adult/Child/Infant
- Mooney, Kam - Open Water
- Pinkley, Nicole - CPR/AED/First Aid - Adult/Child/Infant
- Reese, Nikolas - Junior Open Water & Peak Performance Buoyancy
- Regan, Robert - Primary & Secondary Care (CPR/AED/First Aid)
- Reynolds, Jack - Master Scuba Diver, Wreck Diver
- Snow, Mary Catherine - CPR/AED/First Aid - Adult/Child/Infant
- Stahl, Micaela - CPR/AED/First Aid - Adult/Child/Infant
- Theiss, Mark - Enriched Air Diver
- Whitcraft, David - Open Water, Peak Performance Buoyancy
- Wilson, Fred - Advanced Open Water



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:

GET A FREE SR¹ REGULATOR BAG
 Purchase the Sherwood SR¹ High Performance Regulator and get the SR¹ Regulator Bag FREE
 (a \$50.00 value) Offer Good Thru January 31, 2009
 Only at Participating Sherwood Scuba Dealers