

PADI Dive
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Dive'n Times

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2001 Class Schedule

January 31st	YWCA Free Discover Scuba
February 22nd	YMCA Free Discover Scuba
February 23-24-25	Atchison YMCA Weekend Class
March 1st	YMCA Open Water Class 6-week
April 13-14-15	YMCA Weekend Class
April 26th	YMCA Open Water Class 6-week
June 2-3	Certification Weekend Branson
June 12th	Camp Quality Discover Scuba
June 22-23-24	YMCA Open Water Class 6-week
July 14-15	Certification Weekend (Advanced)
August 18-19	Rescue Diver Class (Smithville)
August 23rd	YMCA Free Discover Scuba
August 25-26	Fun Dive Weekend
August 30th	YMCA Open Water Class 6-week
October 13-14	Certification Weekend Branson

SJ Scuba's 2001 Schedule is now available at www.sjscuba.com

DSAT's TecRec Program

The perfect prescription for high adventure!

Searching for more excitement from your scuba outings? Stand by adventure hounds, in January DSAT (Diving Science and Technology, a PADI corporate affiliate) will launch its Tec Deep Diver course under the TecRec umbrella. DSAT's World Technical Diving Division represents technical diving expertise from the dive industry's leading professionals and links the same award winning educational design team responsible for the world's most popular recreational scuba programs. PADI's Enriched Air and semiclosed-rebreather programs have paved the way for TecRec into the technical diving arena.

The Tec Deep Diver course provides training for divers beyond the traditional recreational dive limits of 40 meters / 130 feet and will include decompression diving. Technical diving offers added challenges and adventure for those divers seeking an extreme venue. The TecRec series, currently in development, will include additional technical courses affording the tec diving enthusiast a variety of technical diving environments. These courses are separate from the PADI Specialty courses and have distinct training and experience prerequisites for instructors and divers.

Complete program details will be released at the DEMA Show in New Orleans and will be available on padi.com this January.

Private Scuba Classes Available

SJS does offer private and semiprivate classes. Your pool or ours. Contact SJS at 816-233-8344 or email ernie@sjscuba.com

Get Ready, Get Set, Go Diving

In January it may be hard to imagine going diving in Missouri, but I am headed for Bennet Spring next week to dive, thanks to a new dry suit and a properly service regulator.

Is your equipment ready for this years Missouri dive season? Has your life support system (first, second stage regulator & Alt Air source) been serviced or is it hid away out of site and mind. All scuba regulator systems require annual service and maintenance. With many, it is a warranty requirement. Some brands, such as Scuba Pro, require annual service be performed on their regulators by a certified repair center each year to maintain the life time warranty status. Annual service normally takes a few days, depending on the dive center's back load, availability of parts and time of year.

The price for annual service varies from Dive Center to Dive Center, with the cost to service a first stage running between \$45 and \$60 , 2nd stage between \$20 and \$40 and SPG \$10 to \$20. I recommend you ask the Dive Center up front the cost of annual service on your reg system, are the parts covered by the manufacture's warranty, and when will it be completed. Remember to take you warranty card or other documentation as proof of purchase and the receipt from last years annual service. Are they certified and authorized.

Why take a change on missing your first dive this year, especially when it involves you "Life Support System". Don't wait until the Dive Center is busy this spring with classes, Open Water training and equipment rental. Visit your Dive Center of choice now, have your regulator system serviced now and "Get Ready, Get Set, Go Diving".

"Saturday Only Weekend Class"

It's a hit!!!!!! Want to become a PADI Open Water Scuba Diver, but don't have time for the 6-week course! Like the weekend format but Sundays are out! SJS's Saturday/Saturday Weekend course may be just what you have been waiting for! Class meets on Friday night and Saturday, finishing the following Saturday. Students must sign up and pick up there class room materials one week prior to the start date. Both the traditional video/book (\$225.00) and new interactive CD ROM (\$245.00) programs will be offered. Call 813-233-8344 or email ernie@sjscuba.com.

Wanted Rescue Divers

New Divemaster Class Forming

SJS Dive Training Team is looking for Rescue Divers interested in becoming Divemasters. Divemaster candidates should enjoy working with students, have above average diving skills and the desire to take part in an exciting, educational and fun course. Ask a member of the SJS Dive Training Team or call (816)233-8344 for more information. Email ernie@sjscuba.com

Dominica Thanksgiving 2001

"Only a few spots left"

Estimated cost \$1950.00 per diver. Non-Refundable Deposit of \$100.00 per person. Additional deposit of \$250.00 due January 1st, 2001 and June 1st 2001. Final Payment September 1st, 2001.

Cozumel Mexico April 21st to 28th, 2001

Plaza Las Gloris Hotel

Join Scuba Adventures in Cozumel Mexico for 7-fun filled days of diving and fun in sun. Their package includes Superior room accommodations, five 2-tank boat dives, hotel taxes, transfers and air from KCI. Diving provided by Aqua Safari. Estimated cost per person \$1395.00, based on double occupancy. A nonrefundable deposit of \$250.00 per person is required to sign up. Call Chris or Dave at 816-455-1492 today to reserve you spot.

M/V Sun Dancer II Live-A-Board Palau

Thanksgiving 2002

Join SJS aboard the M/V Sun Dancer for a seven night voyage November 22nd to December 1st, 2002 in Palau. We depart Palau on Sunday from the government dock at Malakal Harbor, Koror. Passengers may board the Sun Dancer II any time after 4:00 PM on the day of departure. The boat usually leaves dock between 5:00 and 6:00 PM, though times may vary due to flight schedules. Palau has been described as one of the Seven Underwater Wonders of the World, with 700 species of coral and 1,500 species of fish identified. Palau provides some of the best virgin diving to be found in Micronesia and is ideally suited for the more adventurous diver. Aboard M/V Sun Dancer II, we will be diving the spectacular walls along the barrier reef, including such favorites as Blue Corner, Ngemelis Drop-Off and many other sensational dive sites yet to be charted. You can expect mostly wall and drift diving with visibility ranging from 60 feet to in excess of 150 feet, depending on existing conditions.

SJ Scuba has booked the entire boat for our annual Thanksgiving trip. Departing on Friday morning from KCI for Palau, we arrive late Saturday evening in Palau. Remember, we loose a day when crossing the international date line. We will stay over night as guests of the M/V Sun Dancer at the Palau Pacific Resort before departing for the M/V Sun Dancer II Sunday afternoon. After a full week of diving and fun, we will return late Sunday night or early Monday Morning to KCI.

Space is limited to 20 persons. A non-refundable deposit (Deposits may be transferred to another person) of \$250.00 per person is due upon sign up, with additional deposits of \$500.00 required January 1st, 2002 and May 1st, 2002. Final payment due August 15th, 2002. Estimated cost \$3,250.00 per person.

Scuba Adventures has a new Owner

Chris Hill has purchased Scuba Adventures in Kansas City effective January 1st, 2001. Chris worked for Scuba Adventures when it was called "The Dive Shop North" and has most recently been conducting Scuba programs in conjunction with Kansas City Parks and Recreation. Stop by or give Chris a call at 816-455-1492 and wish him the best of luck on his new adventure at Scuba Adventures.

Looking for information on Air fares, Hotels, Cruises, Car Rentals, Rail Transportation, Currency

Conversion Rate or Flight Tracking.

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Future IDC Courses

PADI Course Director Ernie Miller has scheduled several new Instructor Development Courses for 2001. February 23rd in St. Joseph and April 14th for Scuba Sports in Branson Missouri. Upon completion, candidates will earn the PADI Assistant Instructor (AI) rating and be qualified to set for a PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor (OWSI) examination (IE) conducted by PADI. Duties of the PADI AI include teaching academic sessions, teaching limited confined water skills and surface skill evaluation during Open Water training. AI's may also independently teach Snorkeling, Peak Performance Buoyancy, Discover Scuba, Medic First Aid Equipment Speciality, and the new Bubblemaker program. AI's are one of the most valuable assets of a Dive Training Team. OWSI's are authorized to teach Open Water and Jr. Open Water, Advanced Open Water, Rescue Diver, Divemaster, and Peak Performance Buoyancy. Contact CD Ernie Miller at 816-233-8344 or email ernie@sjscuba.com

New revised AI & IDC Curriculum

PADI will release the revised IDC curriculum at DEMA in January 2001. Many exciting changes are planned for the IDC. The following lists some of the possible changes being considered by PADI Instructor Development.

1. Split the IDC into two components. An Assistance Instructor course three (3) days in length and the Instructor Development Course four (4) days in length. Total length for both remains at seven (7) days.
2. Move the 800 yard Mask, Snorkel and Fin swim to the IDC to be evaluated by the Course Director.
3. Revise the curriculum to reflect "Prescriptive Teaching" and now cover Open Water, Advanced, Rescue and Divemaster as part of the course and IE.
4. Upgrade the IDC Staff Instructors to MFA Instructor Trainers. This will require additional training with a Course Director.
5. Split the IE into modules, with credit given for modules successfully completed. Candidates would no longer need to re-take the entire IE, just the modules they were unsuccessful. The IE may be extended to reflect the above changes.
6. Additional duties and responsibilities for the Assistant Instructors.

SJ Scuba will offer several IDC's in the spring of 2001 based on this new format. Check out schedule page for dates or contact 5-Star IDC Centers Skin N Scuba or Scuba Adventures.

Ernie Miller CD25403

Under Water Housing & Video Camera for sale



Light & Motion StingRay SR-3300 Housing, StingRay NiMH Light Package, StingRay 910/V81 Monitor Back and Sony TR3300 Hi8 Camera with Hard Travel Case. Purchased new in 1997 from Light & Motion Industries. All in excellent condition with spare camera battery and several tapes. Contact Ernie Miller @ 816-233-2711 or email ernie@sjscuba.com