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2002 Class Schedule

March 30th	DAN O2 Provider
April 13th	DAN O2 Provider Instructor Course
April 14th	MFA Instructor Course
April 5-6-7	Weekend Class YMCA
April 11th	YMCA Open Water Class 6-week
May 4th - 11th	Branson IDC
May 18-19	Branson IE
May 25-26-27	Open Water & Advanced Weekend
June 1-8th	Bonaire Trip
June 21-22-23	Weekend Class YMCA
July 13th-14th	Adventures in Diving (Advanced)
Aug 3rd-4th	Rescue Diver Course
Aug 17th-18th	"FUN DIVE WEEKEND"

Fantasy Island Beach Resort Thanksgiving 2002

November 23rd-28th, 2002

Join SJ Scuba & Crew for Thanksgiving November 23rd-30th at Fantasy Island on the Island of Roatan. Fantasy Island offers the ultimate in guest comfort and luxury. Their professional and courteous staff presents the amenities you expect with the island flavor that guests have come to love. Tastefully decorated air conditioned rooms are fully equipped with satellite TV, refrigerators and telephones. They offer a fresh water swimming pool and Roatan's only lighted tennis courts for your recreation and leisure. Guests can unwind in intimate indoor and outdoor lounges, and enjoy one of the best restaurants in all of the Bay Islands offering outstanding culinary selection, including sumptuous seafood steaks native specialties, and delicious desserts.

Fantasy Island Beach Resort is located on a private, 21-acre island off the south shore of Roatan island, 8-miles from Roatan Airport.

Diving: Some of the world's best diving is found only minutes from the resort. Over 50 dive sites, characterized by spectacular crevices and tunnels opening to breathtaking walls, offer excellent visibility, abundant fish and brilliant corals. Most sites are within 10-20 minutes, and good diving is accessible approximately 40 yards from the beach. They have 4 dive boats with the capacity of 5 to 20 divers. The full service dive shop offers a large selection of equipment for rental. Resort courses and certification courses are available. There is a hyperbaric chamber, and Nitrox available at the resort.

Estimated cost \$1595.00 per diver/non-diver. Non-Refundable Deposit of \$100.00 per person. Additional deposit of \$250.00 due January 1st, 2002 and June 1st 2002. Final Payment September 1st, 2002. Space is limited to 30 divers/non-divers. Package includes 18-boat dives, 1-night dive, 3-meals per day and airport transfers.

Memorial Day Certification Weekend

(Open Water and Advanced Open Water)

Join the SJ Scuba Dive Training Crew for a **3-Day** certification weekend at Table Rock Lake and earn you PADI Open Water and Advanced Open Water certification in one fun-filled dive weekend.

Open Water Students will complete three dives on Saturday and one dive on Sunday. Adventures in Diving Students will complete two dives on Sunday and one dive on Monday. Advanced Open Water Students will complete two dives on Sunday and three dives on Monday. Call Ernie by May 1st, 2002 to reserve a spot for the weekend. Open Water Certification is \$95.00, Adventures in Diving is \$100.00 and Advanced Open Water is \$195.00. Take both Open Water and Adventures in Diving for \$150.00 or Open Water and Advanced Open Water for \$225.00. You will need to bring extra money for tank fills, \$5 per tank (3 tanks needed for open water, additional 3 for Advanced Open Water). We recommend a light wetsuit for your open water checkout. Wetsuits can be purchased or rented from various dive centers in our newsletter, and for your convenience, Scuba Sports in Branson is open late Friday nite (call ahead please) and will pick up the wetsuits at the dive site when you are finished.

This will be a very busy weekend, as we have many students from our fall and spring classes that will be completing their open water dives for certification. Call early to reserve your motel room. The SJ Scuba staff will be staying at the Table Rock Inn (800-234-5890), which is only 1 mile from the dive site. Plan to arrive at the dive site by 7:45 am on Saturday. Remember to bring your log books!

Need to brush up on your skills? You are welcome to join us in the YMCA pool any Thursday evening from 8-10 pm through May 16th. We will also be in the pool Sat. & Sunday, April 5-6 8am to noon.

February 28th YMCA Open Water Class



SJS Diver Business Cards

Now you can have your own SJS Diver Business cards. PADI Divers are by far the best trained divers in the world and as a SJS diver you can be proud to be part of the PADI family. The SJS Diver business cards feature our SJS logo, your certification level, address and contact information. To order contact SJS Instructor Cindy Burri at cindy@sjscuba.com or telephone 816-279-1617. They are priced at \$15 for 100 or \$24 for 250.

Branson Spring IDC May 4th - 11th

SJ Scuba and Scuba Sports in Branson will be conducting a spring Instructor Development Class (IDC) starting Saturday May 4th. Open to Divemasters and above, the IDC prepares candidates for their future rolls as professional Dive Instructors. Upon successful completion of the Instructor Examination, the PADI OWSI is awarded. Contact PADI Course Director Ernie Miller @ 816-233-8862 or email ernie@sjscuba.com

M/V Wind Dancer Live-A-Board at Grand Turk

Thanksgiving 2003



Join the SJ Scuba Crew of a fun filled week on board the M/V Wind Dancer out of Grand Turk for a seven night voyage Thanksgiving week 2003 in Grand Turk. We depart Grand Turk on Saturday from the government dock in Grand Turk. This is an all inclusive luxury dive vacation including Air, Transfers, Port Fees, Meals, 27-Dives and free Alcoholic Drinks. All you provide is the fun!!!!

Grand Turk, the lower chain of the Turks and Caicos Islands, provides some of the best virgin diving to be found in Caribbean. Aboard M/V Wind Dancer, our 7-day cruise will include diving the Grand Turk, Salt Cay and South Caicos outer islands as we explore the southern and eastern islands of the Turks and Caicos. A brief stop on Salt Cay is planned to revisit the island and Salt Cay Divers.

SJ Scuba has booked the **entire** boat for this annual Thanksgiving trip. Departing on Saturday morning from KCI, we arrive Saturday afternoon in time for a late afternoon departure from Grand Turk.

Space is limited to 20 persons, with several spots already filled from the canceled Palau trip. (Peter Hughes no longer has a boat in Palau during Thanksgiving) A non-refundable deposit (Deposits may be transferred to another person) of \$250.00 per person is due upon sign up, with additional deposits required January 1st, 2003 and May 1st, 2003. Final payment due August 15th, 2003. Estimated cost \$2,350 per person.

Lost Luggage and your rights as a Passenger

It isn't a matter of asking, it's a matter of law and the law changed two years ago. The compensation cap for baggage lost on Domestic flights prior to January 18, 2000 was \$1,250.00. It has changed to \$2,500.00. For lost luggage lost on international flights, compensation remains unchanged and is subject to the liability limit set by the Warsaw Convention of \$9.07 per pound with a maximum of \$640.00 per bag. The international limit also applies on domestic segments of international trips. Bear in mind that airlines don't automatically pay the full amount of every claim received. They estimate the value of lost possessions, then consider their depreciated value – not the original price or even the replacement cost. To avoid being left with less compensation than your belongings are worth, consider purchasing "Excess Valuation" coverage for the airlines, if it's available. It isn't insurance per say, but it does ratchet up the carrier's potential liability. If the airline's settlement doesn't fully cover your loss, check your homeowner's or renter's policy, which sometimes compensates you for losses on the road. Lastly, some credit card companies offer supplemental coverage.



Branson's New 5-Star PADI Dive Center

Scuba Sports in Branson Missouri is now a PADI 5-Star Instructor Development Dive Center. For last three years Louis Chapman and the staff of Scuba Sports has provided equipment, air fills and student referral certifications for SJ Scuba students, staff and instructors. As a PADI 5-Star Dive Center, Scuba Sports joins an elite group of dive centers who are recognized for their outstanding achievements in Customer Service, Diver Education, Retail and Environmental Protection. *Congratulations to Scuba Sports from the SJ Scuba Dive Crew and Staff!!!*

WEEKEND CLASS SCHEDULE

April 5-6-7

June 25-26-27



Next Certification Weekend?

May 25-26-27

***Open Water & Advanced Open Water
Table Rock Lake, Branson Missouri***

Equipment Purchases! *Risky Business "Yes or No"*

So, it's time to make a major dive equipment purchase and you decide to go shopping for a new BCD or Reg System. Where do you start? Your local dive center, Joe's Discount Scuba or the Internet. During your PADI Open Water Course you were taught there are risks involved in diving and asked to accept those risks as a certified PADI Diver. Your training taught you to make knowledgeable and informed decisions, to develop safe personal dive limits and to properly care for your equipment.

However, when it comes to equipment purchases, many divers venture out on their own without considering the training and expert advice they received during their PADI courses. An excellent source of good old fashion free friendly advice, counseling and knowledge is PADI Dive Centers and Professional Instructors. Held to the highest standards of excellence, they are required, by PADI standards, to provide the highest levels of customer service in areas of equipment sales, repair service, rental and diver education. Their professional staff is second to none in the dive industry. In addition, each PADI Professional Instructor, as part of their Instructor Development Course, takes part in extensive diver equipment counseling and customer service training.

Before making your next purchase of a new "Under Water Life Support System" consider the risks involved in breathing under water along with the knowledge and confidence you will gain by visiting a PADI Professional Dive Center. Determine what level of risk you are willing to accept, the added value the Dive Center provides and the cost saving from Joe's Discount Scuba or the Internet. Subtract the other guy's price from the Professional Dive Center's price, then divide by the number of dives you plan to make with your new "Under Water Life Support System" and you have you cost on a per dive basis. Finally, decide what risk you are willing to take and compare you actual savings to the value of the added safety and ease of mind.

Divers Alert Network (DAN) lists the top three causes of Diver Accidents as "Poor Equipment Selection", "Poor Equipment Maintenance" and "Unfamiliarity or Improper Equipment Operation". Problems PADI Professional Dive Centers know how to prevent with proper student counseling on equipment purchases, high quality equipment repair and excellent equipment training during all PADI Courses. Another excellent way to become familiar with your gear and pick up a few pointers on proper preventative maintenance while gaining a Speciality Certification is the PADI Equipment Speciality Course. Contact the SJ Scuba Dive Crew or your local PADI Dive Center to sign up for their next Equipment Speciality Training. ***NOTE: This course does not teach equipment repair. It is focused on equipment preventative maintenance. Please leave the repairs to the professionals.***

DUI Demo Days and Dog Rally

Beaver Lake, April 20 & 21

Have you ever wanted to try a Dry Suit out in an open water environment without making a large cash investment? DUI DeMo Days affords you the opportunity to test dive the full line of DUI Dry Suits, Buoyancy Control Systems, Weight Systems, Oceanreef Full Face Masks, Underwater Communication Gear, and Undergarments.

Demos will be conducted throughout the weekend, starting at 9 AM and going until 5 PM on Sunday. Each demo will consist of a Dry Suit fitting, dive briefing, and an actual Dry Suit dive led by a Dry Suit Specialty Instructor. As soon as there are 2-3 divers ready to go in the water, you will be escorted on a tour. Once you have done two dives with a Dry Suit, you can demo the Oceanreef Full Face Mask and Underwater Communication Gear. There will be plenty to do while you await your dive in a Dry Suit, with a barbecue lunch including hamburgers, hotdogs, etc. All participants will have their names entered in a raffle for door prizes donated by participating manufacturers.

There will be a Saturday Night Dinner, featuring Dick Long, President of DUI, and the DUI Staff. This is a great chance to meet and talk with a dive industry leader, and have a great meal.

Admission is \$5/day, and the Saturday night dinner costs \$8. An admission ticket enables you to try all of the gear and enters you in the door prizes. Tickets and directions are available at Scuba Adventures in Kansas City. Contact Chris Hill at (816)455-1492 or Scuba_Adventures_KC@hotmail.com for more information and to purchase your tickets in advance for the event. This is also a great opportunity to earn your Dry Suit specialty certification.



Capt. Bob's Scuba

The new PADI Kid in Lee's Summit

Capt. Bob's Scuba, the new PADI Dive Center in Lee's Summit is located at 1173 NE Rice Road in Lee's Summit, Missouri. From I-70 take 291 highway south and turn left at the second stop light past the junction of highway 350 and 291 on 291 highway and look to the left for a familiar Dive Flag and the Store Sign. Telephone number is 816-525-3487, fax 816-525-2825 or email thedolphinguy@excite.com.



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Diving at Table Rock Lake Dam *(At the Visitor's Center)*



The Visitor Center at Table Rock Lake has reopened to Scuba Diving as of March 1st, 2002 and will remain that way unless the federal areas are brought back up to "heightened awareness". Several false rumors were flying around this winter that Table Rock Lake was closed to diving. Even a call from PADI was received by SJ Scuba instructor Ernie Miller. With the Dam now open to diving and the improvement in visibility we saw last year, the 2002 dive season at Table Rock should be outstanding!!



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