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Summer 2002 Volume 20

2002 Class Schedule

June 21-22-23	Weekend Class YMCA
July 20th-21st	Adventures in Diving (Advanced)
Aug 3rd-4th	Rescue Diver Course
Aug 17th-18th	"FUN DIVE WEEKEND"
Sept 3rd	Free Discover Scuba
Sept 5th	5-Week Class
Sept 20-21-22	Weekend Class
Oct 5th-6th	Open Water Weekend
Oct 22nd-25th	DEMA
Nov 23rd-30th	Roatan Trip
Dec 13-15	Weekend Class

July 20th & 21st

(Open Water or Advanced Open Water)

Join the SJ Scuba Dive Training Crew for a 2-Day certification weekend at Table Rock Lake and earn either your PADI Open Water or Advanced Open Water certification in one fun filled dive weekend.

Open Water Students will complete three dives on Saturday and one dive on Sunday. Advanced Open Water Students will complete three dives on Saturday and two dives on Sunday. Please sign up by July 15th, 2002 to reserve a spot for the weekend. Open Water Certification is \$100.00 and Advanced Open Water is \$195.00.

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

The Dewey Short Visitor's Center at Table Rock Lake has reopened to Scuba Diving as 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 has been outstanding!

Branson Spring IE May 18th & 19th

SJ Scuba's Instructor Ernie Miller was the hosting PADI Course Director for the Branson Spring Instructor Examinations May 18th & 19th. Sixteen candidates attended this two day examination, conducted by PADI Instructor Examiners.

All sixteen candidates completed their exams and earned the PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor rating, including SJ Scuba's Clyde Buckles and Gary Wells. In addition, Scuba Sports in Branson has two new instructors and Capt. Bob's Scuba in Lee's Summit has four new PADI Instructors. Congratulations to the new instructors and their respective PADI Centers from the SJ Scuba Dive Training Team.

Florida Keys
 June 21st-28th, 2003



Join SJ Scuba and crew in the Florida Keys for a week of diving and fun in the sun with It's A Dive of Key Largo, June 21st to June 28th, 2003.

Former SJ Scuba Instructor John Stuart will be our local dive tour guide for It's A Dive. This week long Saturday to Saturday package includes RT air from Kansas City to Fort Lauderdale with ground transportation by rented vans to Key Largo, where we will be staying in 2-Bedroom Condo's that include a full Kitchen, washer, dryer and on site restaurant. The vans will remain with the group and will be available for day trips, shopping and site seeing.

Our week of diving with It's A Dive includes twelve (12) 2-Tank boats (24 dives total) and an optional one-Tank Night Dive for \$45.00 per diver. Several wreck dives are planned, including the recently sunk Spiegel Grove. The Spiegel Grove is a 510 ft. landing ship dock lying on its side in 130 feet of water. The centerline of the ship is at about 90 ft. The descent lines are attached to the hull at approximately 50 feet.

On Friday, divers will choose between a day of diving or a day long trip to Key West for shopping, site seeing and fun in the sun.

Estimated cost per diver is \$1245.00 with a nonrefundable deposit of \$100.00 due upon sign up with additional deposits of \$250.00 due October 1st, 2002 and January 1st, 2003. Group size will be limited so sign up early to insure you don't get left behind.

Fun Dive Weekend (August 17th & 18th)

Join SJ Scuba and area Dive Centers for the 7th annual "Fun Dive Weekend" at Table Rock Lake.

**GAMES * PRIZES * FREE EQUIPMENT DEMO
 COOKOUT SATURDAY NIGHT**

The fun begins at 9:00 AM Saturday morning with registration and check in at the Table Rock Lake visitors center, south side of Table Rock Dam. Games will include the scavenger hunt, U/W poker run, treasure hunt and DPV race. Free Equipment Demos are planned by the hosting dive centers. Cookout Sat. night at the Table Rock Inn.

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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 nonrefundable 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 \$2,350.00 per person.

Rescue Diver Course August 3rd & 4th

Rescue Diver is the most serious fun you will ever have while diving. SJS will be offering a Rescue Diver Course at Smithville Lake again this year for Advanced and Jr. Advanced Divers. The course includes classroom, books, and Scuba Equipment and is designed to simulate many of the problems divers can experience. By knowing how to recognize potential problems, divers prevent problems before they occur. This year's activities will include local area ambulance and fire departments as part of the program. **Please sign up early by contacting SJ Scuba at 233-8344 or email ernie@sjscuba.com The Cost is \$195.00. The PADI Medic First Aid and Dan O2 Provider certifications are \$25.00 when taken in conjunction with SJ Scuba's Rescue Diver Course.**

****STUDENTS MUST SIGN UP AND PICKUP CLASS****

****MATERIALS BY JULY 25TH****

WEEKEND OPEN WATER CLASS SCHEDULE

September 20-21-22

December 13-14-15

Fall Creek Inn

Looking for a place to stay in Branson? The Fall Creek Inn now offers special discounted rates to scuba divers. Simply call 417-348-1683, tell them you are an SJ Scuba Diver and would like the Scuba Diver rate. Make sure you request a first floor room.

Fantasy Island Beach Resort

Thanksgiving 2002

November 23rd-30th, 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, 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.

(Only 2 spots left)



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Five Star Dive Centers

Are all Dive stores the same? Scuba Adventures, Scuba Sports and Skin N Scuba are all PADI 5 Star IDC Dive Center. Okay, that's great, but I'm sure you're wondering exactly what that means to you. Basically, what the 5 Star rating means is each 5-Star Dive Center meets and maintains a higher level of standards than other dive stores. The Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) 5-Star Dive Center rating is awarded to progressive, professional retail dive stores that maintain the highest level of service and standards while demonstrating strong business ethics, dedicated customer service, educational proficiency, community involvement and a commitment to the environment. PADI 5-Star Centers that qualify to conduct Instructor Development Courses are awarded the prestigious rating of 5-Star IDC Dive Centers.

The First Star in the 5 Star rating is Education. It requires a minimum number of certifications, from Open Water to Instructor be issued each year and that we only issue PADI certifications using the complete PADI system of diver education and training materials. Strict Quality Assurance standards insure consistent educational opportunities and instruction, across the board.

The Second Star is Environment. PADI 5 Star Centers must promote and support PADI's Project AWARE by sponsoring or conducting an underwater clean-up program, like the annual SCUBA clean-up at Smithville and Table Rock lake each September. Courses conducted throughout the year by our affiliated instructors include Peak Performance Buoyancy clinics, U/W Naturalist and Reef Ecology. This assures a commitment to preserving the environment, with special emphasis on the under water world.

The Third Star is Community Involvement. As a 5 Star Center, they sponsor or conduct public diving events that promote the benefits of recreational scuba diving, snorkeling and environmental awareness. Programs such as Medic First Aid, DAN O2 Provider and Free Discover Scuba are provided to the community.

The Forth Star is relatively simple. It requires that the 5 Star Center provide filtered compressed air for scuba divers that meets or exceeds the Compressed Gas Association Standards for Grade E, Class 5 breathing air along with quarterly air quality checks. At Scuba Adventures we test monthly. This guarantees that you will always receive the highest quality air possible from our Dive Center.

Finally, the Fifth Star mandates that we have a retail store front with established business hours, staffed by professional and knowledgeable employees in retail sales, scuba equipment, rentals and repairs. The 5 Star Center must adhere to PADI's Code of Ethics and General Standards and Procedures which is very concise and requires periodic inspections by a PADI representative from PADI headquarters.

Heading out on a dive trip, looking for equipment, or in need of service, consider the PADI 5 Star Dive Center as your first and best choice. Each PADI 5 Star IDC Center has demonstrated their dedication to providing the very best for you and the dive community. *Ernie Miller, CD25403*

How to find a 5 Star Dive Center?

You can find a complete listing of PADI Dive Centers on PADI's web site at www.padi.com or clicking on the PADI logo at the top left hand side of our home page on SJS's web site at www.sjscuba.com



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**Haven't completed your open water
checkout dives?**

Haven't been diving in a while?

YOU NEED A SCUBA REVIEW!

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students who have NOT completed their open water
checkout dives, and only \$10 to cover the
pool fees for certified divers.**

Join us!!



**Captain Don's
Habitat Bonaire**

Thirty SJScuba divers spent the first week of June in Bonaire, just 50 miles north of the coast of Venezuela. As promised, it was a fabulous trip filled with fish of all shapes and sizes, the ever-elusive seahorses, a few frogfish, live dolphin shows and of course, the infamous Town Pier and Helma Hooker dives. We may have seen one or two cactuses, as well as a few iguanas and free-roaming donkeys galore. SJScuba has been to Bonaire several times now, and this trip definitely lived up to the island's sparkling reputation. We even spent a couple evenings with Cap'n Don himself, as well as Dee Scarr. A few of our divers even completed certifications while in Bonaire. Congratulations to Jim and Maggie Montgomery and Amber Schupe, our newest group of Advanced Open Water Divers! Also a round of applause for Diane Adams, for completing her Divemaster certification!! Be sure to watch for a new Long Lighting Commercial shot on location beneath Baby Dock at Captain Don's. Congratulations also to Scott Hausman, winner of not just one, but **2 weeks'** worth of photo contests! Check out the winning photos on Captain Don's website, <http://www.habitatdiveresorts.com/photoweeklywinners.html>