

# Dive'n Times

**PADI Dive  
Training Team &  
Dive Travel Club**

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### 2003 Class & Event Schedule

<b>July 19-20</b>	<b>Open Water Weekend (TR)</b>
<b>August 1-2-3</b>	<b>Weekend Class YMCA</b>
<b>August 16-17</b>	<b>Fun Dive Weekend (TR)</b>
<b>August 16-17</b>	<b>Rescue Class (TR)</b>
<b>September 2</b>	<b>Free Discover Scuba YMCA</b>
<b>September 4</b>	<b>3-Week Class YMCA</b>
<b>September 27-28</b>	<b>Open Water Weekend (TR)</b>
<b>November 22-29</b>	<b>Little Cayman Dive Trip</b>
<b>December 12-14</b>	<b>Weekend Class YMCA</b>

## They made it!

Congratulations to new PADI Open Water and Jr. Open Water divers Michael McGuire, Kristy Landess, Julie Elliott, Dekota Franks, Chris Henderson, Michael Henderson, Doug Duncan, Michelle Duncan, Aston Drake, Sheena Drake, Lauren Drake, and Jim Drake, who completed their certification dives June 1st at Table Rock Lake. William Wells, Cherri Cole and Mike Dorban completed their Advanced Open Water certifications as well!

SJ Scuba would like to thank our staff along with the students, family and friends for sharing our weekend of diving and fun. Forty three divers and friends attended our Saturday evening dinner at the Fall Creek Steakhouse. Outstanding weather and water visibility made for a great time both above and below the water!

Don't forget to join us for our Advanced Open Water and Certification Weekend July 19-20 at Table Rock Lake. Be sure to call Ernie ahead of time to sign up, and reserve your gear.

**DEMA 2003    October 8-11  
Miami, Florida**

## TAKE THE PLUNGE!

PADI Scuba Diving classes are open to anyone 10 years or older, who is interesting in taking part in one of the fastest growing sports today. An average swimming ability is helpful, but being comfortable in the water is the most important requirement. For children 8-9 years old, the Bubblemaker experience program is available during Open Water Pool sessions. This program is "Pool Only" diving limited to 6 ft of depth.

Our next weekend course is August 1-3, with classroom on Friday night at the SJScuba Loft, Pool skills Saturday from 7:45 a.m. to 1 at the YMCA pool, and Classroom from 2-5 at the Loft. Pool skills continue Sunday morning from 7:45 to 12.

Open Water Checkouts consist of 4 dives in an open water environment. Typically, we travel to Table Rock Lake 4-5 times in the summer, but students may also obtain a referral to take to an exotic location, such as Cozumel or Bonaire. PADI facilities are located all over the world, and all PADI programs are standardized, so you'll be evaluated on the same skills in Bonaire as you would be in Table Rock (only they have more fish and a few seahorses to look at.)

## Want to Try it Out First?

Free Discover Scuba classes are offered two times each year at the St. Joseph YMCA. This pool experience will introduce you to the fascinating under water world of scuba diving. SJS's next Discover Scuba will be on Tuesday September 2nd, 2003 from 7:45 PM to 10:00 at the YMCA. Bring a swimsuit & towel.



## **Australia**

### **Adventure Trip and Live-a-Board**

### **May 27th to June 12th 2005**

Take a dive on the wild side with SJ Scuba and the Undersea Explorer. SJ Scuba and crew is headed down under to the Great Barrier Reef and Australia in June of 2005. This seventeen day adventure packed trip includes 6-days on the live-a-board boat the Undersea Explorer, four days in the Outback and Rain Forests of northeastern Australia, including a trip to the Coral Sea, Sydney, Cairns and Port Douglas.

May 27th Day #1. Depart the US for Sydney late afternoon from LA  
May 28th Day #2. In Transit (we loose a day )  
May 29th Day #3 We arrive in Sydney, clear customs, bus to Hotel  
May 30th Day #4 Sydney Radisson Hotel  
May 31st Day #5 Sydney Radisson Hotel  
June 1st Day #6 Fly to Cairns, Transfer to Daintree Rainforest  
June 2nd Day #7 Hotel Freetree Resort in the Rainforest  
June 3rd Day #8 Bus to Port Douglas Hotel in Port Douglas  
June 4th Day #9 AM Tour & Divers Board Undersea Explorer  
June 5th Day #10 Quicksilver Low Isles Day tour  
June 6th Day #11 Non-Divers bus to Cairns for day of shopping  
June 7th Day #12 Non-Divers Best of Kuramda Day Tour by Train  
June 8th Day #13 Non-Divers take tour to Outback  
June 9th Day #14 Non-Divers return to Cairns  
June 10th Day #15 Divers return and bus to Cairns to re-join group  
June 11th Day #16 Hotel in Cairns, Shopping and Site seeing  
June 12th Day #17 Return to US - Arrive same day Sunday evening

#### ***About the Undersea Explorer and the Diving***

This adventure diving expedition is designed to encompass an incredible range of reef diving, visiting some of Australia's most amazing coral reefs while exploring Ribbon Reefs of the Great Barrier Reef and then we will journey far out into the Coral Sea; destination "Osprey Reef. This is one of the world's most awesome sea mounts, rising 1000 meters (3,280 ft) from the ocean floor.

True Adventure! True Wilderness! Experience incredible visibility, Big Pelagic Action, Abundant Sharks and Rays and massive Gorgonian and Soft Corals. In addition, you can join in the nautilus surveys and the ongoing shark and coral research studies.

Dwarf Minke Whale Expeditions Experiences include Documenting whale encounters, often with multiple whale for many hours. Recording, hearing and feeling whale vocalisations and researching whale and human interactions. Why an Adventure Diving and Research Expedition! All proceeds go to Research and marine conversation. Each trip includes working marine research projects and researchers, which give each diver the opportunity to work with and assist in discovery of new marine creatures, observation of behaviors and natural events along with environmental educations.

Estimated cost is \$4,500.00 for a diver and \$4,000.00 for a non-diver and includes RT air from KCI, lodging, diving and transportation. Non-refundable deposit of \$250.00 required to hold space with additional deposits of \$250.00 due July 2003, January 2004, July 2004 and January 2005.

***Final cost may vary, depending on the current currency rate exchange.***

## **"Tobago of the West Indies"**

### **November 20th to 27th 2004**

SJ Scuba is heading to Tobago in the West Indies for a week of diving and fun. Tobago and Trinidad are located in the southern Caribbean just a short distance from South America. An island Columbus never saw, Tobago has changed hands many times, from Dutch to French to British, back to French and finally becoming a British Crown Colony in 1889. A small island at 30 miles by 7 miles, Tobago is completely covered by mountains and rain forest.

Our all inclusive package includes RT Air from KCI, Lodging at the Blue Water Inn, 6-days of 3-tank diving with Aqua Marine Dive Ltd. Our meal plan includes Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. Aqua Marine Dive Ltd is a PADI 5-Star dive center and is located on the property of the Blue Water Inn.

The Blue Water Inn has 38 Air-conditioned rooms with a balcony or patio and its own distinctive view of Batteaux Bay, Glover's Island and Little Tobago. The Fish Port Restaurant serves local seafood, their specialty.

Divers will encounter Giant Manta Rays, Turtles, Moray Eels, Eagle Rays and over 70 species of coral, including giant brain corals. An overnight stay Friday night in San Juan is planned, giving the group time to shop and see San Juan before continuing on to Tobago Saturday afternoon.

Estimated cost is \$1,950.00 for a diver and \$1,650.00 for a non-diver. Deposit of \$100.00 required to sign up with additional deposits of \$250.00 due July 2003, January 2004 and July 2004. Trip size will be limited to 30 total.

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## **"M/V Island Dancer"**

### **Grenada**

### **June 12th-June 19th 2004**

SJ Scuba is heading to Grenada for a seven night voyage June 12th to June 19th in and around Grenada. We depart from Rendezvous Beach Resort Saturday afternoon for a unique and comfortable week of exploring new, un-spoiled dive territory and every amenity that Peter Hughes divers have come to expect.

With three outside decks featuring room accommodations, Island Dancer is designed to carry a maximum of only 12 passengers, ensuring un-crowded life both on deck and below water.

Space is limited to 12 persons. A non-refundable deposit (Deposits may be transferred to another person) of \$100.00 per person is due upon sign up, with additional deposits required October 1st, 2003 and January 1st, 2004. Final payment due March 1st, 2004. Estimated cost \$2,395.00 per person.



## Key Largo Trip was a Blast!!!

SJ Scuba's Key Largo Dive Trip was a blast. Twenty three divers spent a week in Key Largo diving, parasailing, riding Waverunners and visiting Key West. Diving the Spiegel Grove provided the group with a wreck dive to remember for years to come. In addition, the group and SJ Scuba donated to the Spiegel Grove and Upper Keys Artificial Reef fund and SJ Scuba is now a lifetime sponsor. Be sure to look for SJ Scuba (#671) on the plate located on the ship at the mid-point decent line when you dive the wreck.

While diving the wreck called "The City of Washington" several of the group were able to get up close and personal to the many resident Nurse Sharks and Giant Jew fish. *We mean real CLOSE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

SJ Scuba's Key Largo hosts were John & Debbie Stuart along with It's A Dive PADI 5-Star Dive Center. When considering a trip to the Florida Keys, be sure and visit It's A Dive located at the Key Largo Marriott. Call 800-809-9881 and ask for John. They are the "Top Dog" of the Florida Keys Diver Operators.

### How's your tank feeling?

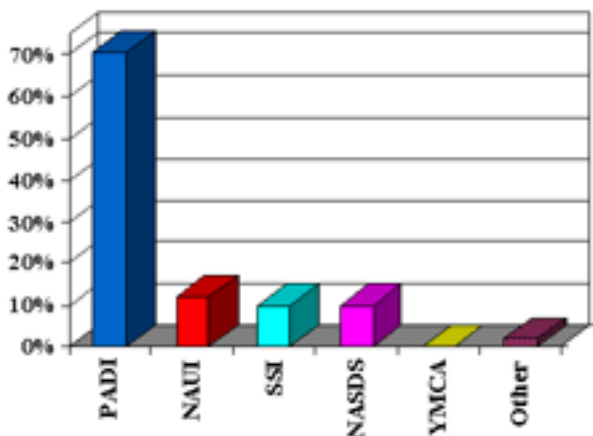
Remember to have your tanks visually inspected once a year and hydrostatically tested every 5 years! My how time flies when you're having fun!  
(Call Ernie or your favorite dive shop for either test.)

## PADI Diver Statistics

US Certification Preference



- Of those non-divers planning to take an Open Water Course, approximately 3 out of 4 indicate they will obtain PADI certification.



Source: Skin Diver magazine Readership Study - January 2001.

## Fun Dive Weekend

(August 16th & 17th)

Join SJ Scuba and area Dive Centers for the 8th annual "Fun Dive Weekend" at Table Rock Lake.

### GAMES \* PRIZES \* FREE EQUIPMENT DEMO COOKOUT SATURDAY NIGHT 6:30 PM at the Table Rock Inn

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.

### Camp Quality 2003

SJ Scuba hosted a free Discover Scuba for Camp Quality in conjunction with the St. Joseph YMCA. This year's event was outstanding. Eighteen campers joined the SJ Scuba team at the YMCA Thursday June 11th for an evening of Pool Diving and Fun. The feedback from Camp Quality was exceptional.

SJ Scuba would like to thank everyone who helped make this annual event another success.

## PADI Go Dive Log for Palm PDAs

Check out the latest PADI Go Dive Log software for the Palm Operating System. PADI Go Dive Log is a sophisticated dive log and planner developed for mobile handheld devices and Windows. It allows you to record your dive logs on Palm OS handheld devices much like you do when you record your dives in the PADI Adventure logbook. Unlike the paper logbooks for recording your dive profile and other dive information, you can use your handheld device to plan your dives, record detailed information and synchronize this to Go Dive desktop companion\*. From Go Dive desktop companion\* you can further edit information about your logged dives. Visit [www.padi.com](http://www.padi.com) for more information.

### A few of the features:

Dive Recreational Dive Planner — allows easy calculation of pressure groups and residual nitrogen times when planning your dive.

- Both Metric and Imperial
- logging of photo/video information if using underwater photographic/videographic equipment
- Place to store your emergency information
- Allows your dive buddy or dive professional to sign
- Works on color Palm devices

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