

Dive'n Times

PADI Dive Training Team & Dive Travel Club

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TAKE THE *PLUNGE!*

You finished your PADI Open Water course but did not complete the Open Water Certification Dives? You would still like to be a certified diver? Well, here is your chance! Join the SJ Scuba Diver Training Team for a one night in-pool refresher and skill review and then complete your Certification Dives May 29-30 at Table Rock Lake. The SJ Scuba team will review all the Open Water Course skills, help you with equipment and answer questions. Cost for the in-pool & Open Water Certification dives is \$100.00 per diver.

2004 Class & Event Schedule

February 22	PADI Member Forum KC
February 26	Free Discover Scuba YMCA
March 4	6-week OW Class YMCA
March 20	Seal Team YMCA
April 6	6-week OW Class YMCA
May 14-20	Branson IDC
May 21-22	PADI Instructor Exams
May 29-30	OW Weekend Branson
June 12-19	Grenada Trip
July 9-10-11	Open Water Weekend Class
July 17-24	Florida Trip
August 20-21-22	Weekend OW Class YMCA
September 7	Free Discover Scuba YMCA
September 9	3-Week Open Water Class
September 25-26	OW Weekend Branson
November 20-27	Tobago Trip

..... SCUBA for KIDS!

PADI Seal Team

Aqua Mission starts

Saturday

March 20th, 2004

(Please sign up by March 1st)

Minimum Age 8 years

The PADI Seal Team is for young divers who are looking for an action-packed, adventurous program filled with exciting scuba "AquaMissions."



Have you ever wondered what it's like to dive with flashlights, take pictures underwater or float effortlessly like an astronaut? If you have, this is your chance to explore these exciting adventures in a swimming pool.

As a PADI Seal, you learn the basics of safe diving and explore different AquaMissions - or specialty dives - like wreck diving, navigation, buoyancy, underwater photography, environmental awareness and more.

Here's your chance to explore cool AquaMissions, meet friends and share in the adventure of the underwater world. And best of all - join a winning team - become a PADI Seal Team Member!

Aqua Mission Team will be limited to 6 Mission Specialists so sign up early to be sure you aren't left out. Cost is \$175.00

Australia

Adventure Trip and Live-a-Board June 1st 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.

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 conservation. 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 \$4,950.00 for a diver and \$4,500.00 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 January 2004 and January 2005.

PADI Assistant and Instructor Course (IDC)

SJS's PADI Course Director Ernie Miller will be conducting a week-end format IDC starting January 3rd, 2004 in St. Joseph, Missouri and an 8-day IDC in Branson, Missouri May 14th to May 21st 2004, with the PADI Instructor Examinations to be held May 22nd & 23rd 2004. Please contact Ernie Miller at 816-233-8344 or email erniecd@sjscuba.com

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 underwater world of scuba diving. SJS's next Discover Scuba will be on Thursday February 26th, 2004 from 7:45 PM to 10:00 at the YMCA. Bring a swimsuit & towel.



"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.

Dominica

Adventure Trip & Digital Underwater Photo Workshop July 3rd to July 10th, 2004

Join SJ Scuba and Ryan Canon in Dominica for the very first "Dominica Digital Underwater Workshop and Seminar" to one of the Caribbean's most remote and pristine locations. Dominica's reefs offer an abundance of fish life, and are some of the healthiest reefs in the world. In addition to diving, Dominica offers many exciting topside attractions, from whale watching to hiking at waterfalls, lakes and a tropical rain forest. One of the many unforgettable underwater attractions will be diving an active volcano. Castle Comfort Lodge and Dive Dominica will be our hosts on this island adventure. The 7-day package includes, RT airfare from Kansas City, 5 days of 2-tank diving, a night dive, breakfast, dinner, and airport transfers.

Divers taking part in the workshop will have use of free demo equipment to "try out the latest and the greatest equipment", but must sign up in advance to ensure availability. Divers who bring a laptop will be able to take part in Photoshop demonstrations on editing and printing. The workshop and seminar is free with a housing/strobe "system" purchased before the trip departs, otherwise a \$200.00 fee will apply. Please contact Ryan at rc@ryancanon.com for additional information.

Estimated cost is \$1995 for a diver and \$1,650 for a non-diver. A \$250 deposit to sign up is required, with final payment due March 1st, 2004. Trip size will be limited to 20 divers, so sign up as soon as possible!

Florida

July 17-24, 2004

Key Largo Trip was a Blast!

Join SJ Scuba for a return trip to Key Largo for a 7-day package that includes, RT airfare from Kansas City, 10 Water Experiences provided by It's a Dive, which include 2-tank boat dives, parasailing and wave runners with lodging at the Key Largo Marriott. Optional meal plans are available including a discount card for all meals purchased at the Marriott.

Diving the upper keys offers several wrecks to choose from including the recently sunk Spiegel Grove, or the Bentwood, Bibb, Duane, Eagle and City of Washington. Most reef dives average 15-30 foot in depth with average visibility of 50-70 feet. Marine life is everywhere, with nurse sharks, turtles and eagle rays very common.

The US Coast Guard Cutters Bibb and Duane are 327 ft. Treasury Class cutters. The Bibb lies on its side in 130 feet of water with the centerline at about 110 feet. The Duane is upright in 130 feet of water with deck at about 100 feet. The Eagle is a freighter with a length 269 feet and a 40-foot beam. She lies on her starboard side in 130 feet of water. During Hurricane George in 1998, the Eagle broke into 2 pieces.

The USS 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 feet. The descent lines are attached to the hull at approximately 50 feet. We do both dives on the Spiegel Grove with a one-hour surface interval, weather and currents permitting.

Estimated cost is \$1295 for a diver and \$895 for a non-diver. A \$250 deposit to sign up is required, with final payment due March 1st, 2004. Trip size will be limited to 20 divers, so sign up as soon as possible!

Used Scuba Equipment For Sale



SJ Scuba has several used BCD's, Masks, Fins, Snorkels and Wet Suits for sale. Most have been used as class equipment, some are like new and some are well trained. Please contact Ernie Miller at 816-233-8344 or email erniem@sjscuba.com.

Grenada

June 12-19, 2004

Adventure and Eco Trip

Join SJS in Grenada for a seven-night stay at the Coyaba-Grenada's Premier Resort, June 12th to June 19th. Our trip includes five days of 2-tank morning dives and a night dive with Eco Dive and EcoTrek. Optional 1-tank afternoon dives are available for \$35.00 per dive.

When it comes to fantastic Caribbean Diving, Grenada has it all. Be it shallow or deep, over wrecks, walls or spectacular reefs, in the calm Caribbean Sea, or drifting in swift Atlantic currents surrounded by sharks, Grenada is the place to be. Grenada's extensive, pristine reefs create a dazzling tropical aquarium. Truly an underwater photographer's dream!

Abundant pelagic life includes eagle rays, bull sharks, reef sharks, white-tips and nurse sharks. Manta rays migrate through the area and sea turtles are very common, as Grenada is a major nesting area. The "Spice Island" also offers a fascinating variety of deep and shallow wrecks, including the awe-inspiring 600 foot cruise ship, Bianca C, nicknamed the "Titanic of the Caribbean".

Optional day/afternoon trips on Grenada will be provided by EcoTrek, as the island is equally beautiful above sea level. Jutting volcanic mountains offer breathtaking views of Grenada - lush rainforests, fertile valleys and palm-fringed beaches. Spectacular water features include tidal-fed salt ponds, volcanic crater lakes, mineral hot springs, limpid streams and dramatic water falls, which cascade into crystal-clear pools.

Our 7-day package includes seven nights at Coyaba Resort on the beach, five 2-tank dives (including night dive), use of tanks, weights, belts and breakfast daily. RT air from KCI airport, transfers and all taxes. Divers may choose between an EcoTrek trip on Friday to the largest waterfalls and clear pool and a morning 1-tank dive.

Space is limited to 20 divers. A non-refundable deposit is required (Deposits may be transferred to another person) of \$250 per person. Final payment due March 1st, 2004. Estimated cost \$1,695 per diver or \$1,350 per non-diver.

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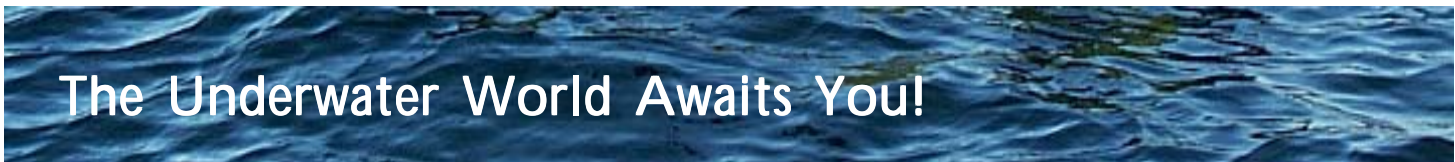
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