

Dive'n Times

PADI Dive
Training Team &
Dive Travel Club

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2004 Class & Event Schedule

Weekend OW Class YMCA

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| September 1 | Free Discover Scuba 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 |
| December 10-11-12 | Weekend Class |

Key Largo Trip was a Blast!!!

SJ Scuba's return trip to Key Largo was a blast. Friends, family and children spent a week at the Key Largo Marriott diving, Parasailing, riding Waverunners and visiting Key West.

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

Six divers completed their PADI Open Water or Jr. Open certification. Congratulations to Todd Landess, Sara Anderson, Marc Rosenbohm, Jessica Kerns, Jordin Kerns and Zachary Schwarz.

SJ Scuba's Key Largo host was John Stuart, along with It's A Dive, a 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"

**DEMA 2004 October 13-14-15
Houston, Texas**

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 September 25-26 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.



**SJ Scuba's Jr Divers in Key Largo
July 24-31 2004**

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| <p>Skin N Scuba 9300 E. 35th Street Independence, MO 64052 816-358-0855 PADI 5-Star IDC Ctr S-M-T-W-T-F-S</p> | <p>Fall Creek Inn 417-348-1683 <i>Special Diver Rates</i></p> <p>Table Rock Inn 800-234-5890</p> | <p>Scuba Adventures 5100 N.E. Chouteau Trfwy Kansas City, MO 64119 816-455-1492 PADI 5-Star IDC Ctr M-T-W-T-F-S</p> | <p>Scuba Sports 1196 Hwy 248 Branson, MO 65616 417-337-7727 PADI 5-Star IDC Ctr <i>Louis Chapman Owner</i></p> |
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Australia 2005



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Adventure Trip and Live-a-Board June 1st to June 18th 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

PADI Instructor Course

Starting August 21st.

SJS's PADI Course Director, Ernie Miller, will be conducting a PADI Instructor Development Course weekends starting August 21st.

If you are a certified PADI Divemaster with at least six months of diving experience and 60 logged dives, you're ready to begin the training that earns the many benefits only afforded those divers who are PADI Open Water Scuba Instructors.

If you enjoy working with students in training and would like to become more involved in diver education and training, please contact Ernie Miller at 816-233-8344 or email erniecd@sjscuba.com.

New Film called Open Water

Starting August 6th.

You may have heard or read about a new motion picture that is scheduled to be released in August titled Open Water. In the event you haven't, the film is about a scuba diving couple who are stranded at sea by their dive boat. The producers of the film based the story on what presumably happened to Eileen and Tom Lonergan on January 25, 1998 off the coast of Queensland, Australia. *The filmmakers explain they did not research the actual incident and chose to base the movie on the concept.*

If you are asked about the film by media, customers, or potential divers, PADI and SJ Scuba believes that the best course of action is to be neutral or positive in your response. In fact, we are already aware of some PADI Members who are working with local theaters to promote diving during the film's run.

Negative responses generate more publicity and may draw greater audiences to the film. A recent example of this was Mel Gibson's, The Passion of the Christ. Groups that opposed the movie generated more publicity, and as a result, the movie attendance increased significantly.

The film is set for limited release by Lions Gate Entertainment August 6th, with a wider distribution on August 20th .

How could a boat leave a diver behind?

How can you answer questions when asked by a non-diver?

This information may help!!

First, accidents can and do happen in almost any activity we do; sports, driving, or even walking down the street. The vast majority of accidents happen when someone breaks the rules. Scuba diving is no different. Remember that in order to leave someone behind, it is necessary for the crew or the diver or both not to follow the standards and/or training procedures. Remember that non-divers and media will not be familiar with boat diving procedures. When answering questions, tell them how roll-calls, headcounts, sign-ins, etc. work and point out that when this is done it is very rare to leave a diver in the water.

For instance, in the movie Open Water, the crew relies on marks on a piece of paper to count the number of divers. When two divers re-enter the water the crew doesn't catch it and this results in them being double counted when they return giving the appearance on paper that everyone is back on board. A simple headcount would have shown that two divers were missing. PADI training not only emphasizes a headcount, but recommends that the dive supervisor perform a visual verification as well. Lastly, remember that divers should have signaling devices, such as whistles, inflatable sausages, or mirrors. It is now a requirement in many areas that a diver have signaling devices with them prior to leaving the boat. When both the crew and the diver follow their training, the likelihood of being left behind is practically non-existent.

Last, dive with a group or join a club dive sponsored dive trip and vacation. There is always safety in numbers!!

BVI

(British Virgin Islands)

November 19th-26th, 2005

A unique and totally different experience.

Join SJS for Thanksgiving in the BVI islands on Tortola. Diving in Tortola is relatively unheard of and new to the area. However the outer islands' reefs offer a diversity and density of life and underwater terrain found no place else in the Caribbean. 29 dive destinations, 60 islands and cays, 50 plus regularly dived sites, unspoiled reefs, a plethora of wrecks (including the Wreck of the Rhone, one of the world's most renowned sites), are reasons to venture deep into the spectacular aquarium of the British Virgin Islands.

The scattering of islands, cays and rock cover are places to head for if you are looking for true diving excitement. Add the vibrant local culture, the relaxed Tortola towns such as Road Town and Spanish Town; tourist hotspots such as Quito's, Bomba Shack and Pusser's and the idyllic beauty of our neighboring islands and you have a holiday experience not to miss.

On Tortola, divers can find well-established, well-run dive centers that, while at the cutting edge of diving, still cater to small groups. Some centers have over 25 years of diving experience, and over 50 regularly dived sites - with a few more still waiting to be discovered!

Watch our web site for the estimated cost after October 15th. Trip size will be limited to 20-divers maximum, so sign up as soon as possible and don't be left behind. A non-refundable deposit of \$250.00 per person is required at sign up.

Free Discover Scuba's

YWCA Sept. 1st @ 7:00 PM

YMCA Sept. 7th @ 7:45 PM

This year you have two chances to introduce a friend or family member to diving. The SJ Scuba dive training team will be offering two Free Discover Scuba experiences this year, starting on Wednesday Sept. 1st, at 7:00 PM. All you need is a swim suit and show up. Children under the age of 18 years must have parents signature before they can take part. Minimum age is 8 years old.

Grenada

November 18-25, 2006

Adventure and Eco Trip

SJS is returning to Grenada for a seven-night stay at the Coyaba- Grenada's Premier Resort, November 18th-25th, 2006. 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 and a night dive, use of tanks, weights, belts and breakfast daily. RT air from KCI airport, transfers and all taxes.

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 August 1st, 2006. Estimated cost \$1,775 per diver or \$1,425 per non-diver.

SJ Scuba, your local PADI Dive Training Team and Travel Club, is not a part of St. Joseph Scuba or affiliated with the owners of St. Joseph Scuba.