

Dive'n Times

PADI Dive
Training Team &
Dive Travel Club

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2006 Class & Event Schedule

March 2nd	Open Water Class YMCA
May 12-19	Branson IDC
June 9-10-11	Weekend Open Water Class
June 17-18	OW Weekend Branson
July 22-29	Florida Trip
Aug 10-Sept 21	Open Water Class YMCA
Aug 26-Sept 4	Branson IDC
Sept 23-24	OW Weekend Branson
Dec 9-10	Weekend Open Water Class

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.

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 SJ's web site at www.sjscuba.com

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*

PADI 5-Star Dive Centers

Are all Dive stores the same? Scuba Adventures, Scuba Sports and Skin N Scuba are all PADI 5 Star IDC Dive Centers. 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 underwater 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 Fourth 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. Scuba Adventures tests monthly. This guarantees that you will always receive the highest quality air possible from the Dive Center.

Finally, the Fifth Star mandates 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.

Travel & Tips for the Scuba Diver

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 from 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.

PADI Instructor Course

May 12-19 & August 26-September 4, 2006

Branson, Missouri

SJS's PADI Course Director, Ernie Miller, will be conducting two PADI Instructor Development Courses in conjunction with PADI 5-Star IDC Center Scuba Sports in Branson, Missouri.

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.

**DEMA 2005 October 4-5-6-7
Las Vegas Nevada**

Travel Tips for the Scuba Diver

Ten things to think about.

1. Do not expect to find things to be like they are at home. Remember, you left home to find things different.
2. Do not take anything too seriously. A carefree mind is vital to a good vacation.
3. Do not let other travelers get on your nerves. You paid good money to enjoy yourself.
4. Do not forget: you are always a representative of your country.
5. Try not to worry, because he or she who worries will have no fun. Remember that few things in life are fatal.
6. Know where your passport is at all times because a traveler without a passport is a traveler without a country.
7. As a stranger in a strange land, be prepared to do as its people do.
8. Do not judge all people of a country by the actions of one person who has given you trouble.
9. Learn how to say thank you in the language of the country you're visiting. A sincere thank you, along with a sincere smile, doubles the value of any tip you may give.
10. Remember that you are a guest and those travelers who treat their hosts with respect will be treated with respect.

Before your flight.

Low humidity in airplane cabins can cause people to lose as much as 3 oz. of water during an eight-hour flight. That can be compounded by loss from alcohol and caffeine ingestion and lead to dehydration and related complications. When diving the next day (sometimes within 10-hours of arrival), your risk of DCS can increase. To maintain hydration in flight, take along your own water bottle.

Dive gear and the Airlines

Some airlines are starting to charge extra for dive gear. Most will look the other way if you do not call it to their attention and do not overweight the bags. If the limit is 60 lbs, keep your bags under 55 lbs. Pack clothes in with your dive gear. If they ask what's in your dive bag, simply say, "clothes and other items." Try and keep markings that call attention to diving off the outside of the bag. Carry on your cameras, dive computers and regulators in a carry-on bag. Remember, many overseas flights now limit you to one (1) carry-on bag. However a purse does not count. Guys, just tell them your second carry-on is your purse.

Electronic Ticking (E Tickets)

With the replacement of paper tickets by E Tickets, it is now the responsibility of the traveler to verify they have proof of a valid ticket. Make sure your E-Ticket has a confirmation number and if paying by credit take along a copy of the monthly credit card statement as proof of purchase. Otherwise, if you are dropped from the system, you may have to purchase another ticket.

Bonaire 2006

November 18th-25th 2006

Join SJS in Bonaire for a seven night stay at Captain Don's Habitat November 18th-25th, 2006. This trip includes five days of 2-tank morning diving and an optional 1-tank afternoon dive. When it comes to fantastic Caribbean Diving, Bonaire has it all. Be it shallow or deep, Bonaire is the place to be. Bonaire's extensive, pristine reefs create a dazzling tropical aquarium.

Truly an underwater photographer's dream!

Your week-long package includes RT air from Kansas City, 10-boat dives, unlimited shore diving, free diving for children under the age of 16, breakfast daily and lodging at Capt Don's. Our Deluxe Jr. Suites have two queen size beds, refrigerator and patio or balcony and air-conditioning.

Space is limited to 30 divers. A non-refundable deposit (Deposits may be transferred to another person) of \$250.00 per person to sign up with an additional deposit of \$250.00 due January 1st, 2006. Final payment due August 1st, 2006. Estimated cost \$1775.00 - Diver or \$1,495.00 - non-diver.



Florida

July 22nd-29th, 2006

For Kids & a Dive Buddy

Hey Kids! Grab a dive buddy (Mom, Dad, Aunt, Uncle, Grandpa, Grandma, or Ernie) and join SJ Scuba for a return trip to Key Largo for an adventure in paradise, diving, para-sailing, riding wave runners or just hanging out by the pool. Adults! Grab a kid, son, daughter, relative, friend or rent one if you have too, but don't be left behind.

Join SJS in Key Largo for a seven night stay at the Key Largo Marriott July 22nd to 29th 2006. Our trip includes five days of 2-tank morning diving and 5-additional afternoon water experiences to choose from including 2-tank boat dives, wave runner or para-sailing.

When it comes to fantastic Florida Keys Diving, Key Largo has it all. Be it shallow or deep, over wrecks or diving the City of Washington, Key Largo is the place to be.

Abundant pelagic life includes eagle rays and nurse sharks. You are guaranteed to get up close and personal with a nurse shark or large grouper on the dive site called the City of Washington.

Our 7-day package includes seven nights at Key Largo Marriott, five 2-tank morning boat dives, use of tanks, weights, belts, air from KCI airport and all taxes. Transportation from the Miami International Airport to and from the Marriott is not included as part of this trip package.

Space is limited to 30 divers. A non-refundable deposit (Deposits may be transferred to another person) of \$250.00 per person to sign up. Final payment due April 1st, 2006. Estimated cost (\$1295.00) per Diver or (\$850.00) per non-diver.

Try Scuba Diving

YMCA March 2nd, 2006

The SJ Scuba dive training team will be offering a PADI Open Water Certification class starting on Thursday March 2nd, at 6:00 PM. All you need the first night 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 10 years old.

The first night is FREE to let everyone try diving in the YMCA Pool.

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