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2007 Class & Event Schedule

February 22nd	Discover Scuba
March 1	Open Water Class YWCA
March 9-10-11	DAN O2 and EFR Inst
April 20-21-22	Week Open Water Class
May 11-18	IDC Branson
May 19-20	PADI IE
June 22-23-24	Instructor Speciality Branson
July 20-21-22	Week Open Water Class
November 17-24	Little Cayman
December 7-8-9	Week Open Water Class

Bonaire Trip was Outstanding!!!

SJ Scuba's return trip to Bonaire was a blast. Friends, family and children spent a week at the Captain Don's in Bonaire. The diving, lodging and food was great.

Three JR. PADI Divers complete the Jr. Open Water Diver certification while in Bonaire. Congratulations to Sam Hausman, Jordon Wells and Jacob Wells.

Ten divers dove with Larry's Wild Side Diving on the east side of Bonaire. It was a fun time and very professional. If you are an Advanced Diver or higher, this dive is highly recommend when visiting Bonaire.

For a night dive second to none, the town pier continues to be one of the best on the island.

If you are looking for a great dive destination, easy dive access, 24 hour dive freedom and good food, Captain Don's on Bonaire is your best choice. Getting to Bonaire was never easier. From KCI, take Continental to Houston Friday night, the red eye and you will arrive around 6:15 AM Saturday morning in Bonaire. This gives you an extra day of diving and fun at no extra cost. The return flight arrives back in Kansas City around 4:30 PM.

TAKE THE *PLUNGE!*

Know someone who is interested in Scuba Diving? *Been a while since you took your Open Water Course? here is your chance!* Join SJS at the St. Joseph YMCA on February 22nd at 7:45 PM and take part in our Spring Discover with a friend or family member(s). It costs only \$10.00 per person.

Want to do a refresher?

Your pay only \$60.00 when taking the course with another person who is taking course for the first time. This includes the pool use fee, use of all Scuba Equipment and the class room. Books and and class room materials not included.

Digital UW *Photos!*

Digital has taken the underwater photography world by storm and SJ Scuba can help you get in on the action with the PADI Digital Underwater Photographer Specialty course. You can quickly and easily capture the underwater world with your camera and on your computer. During the PADI Digital Underwater Photographer Specialty course, you learn to use the PADI SEA (Shoot, Examine and Adjust) method, which takes full advantage of digital technology. The result is good underwater photos faster than you may imagine. You not only learn how to take good photos, but how to share them with your friends via email or printing, optimizing your work with your computer, storage and more. Must be a PADI Open Water Diver or Junior Open Water (or have a qualifying certification from another training organization) However, you can take the course as a snorkeler and receive a nondiving certification. Choosing and using modern digital cameras and underwater housings. Using the PADI SEA method for getting great shots quickly. Editing and sharing your pictures. The three primary principles for getting good photos underwater. This is one of PADI's most adaptable specialty courses, and can even be started during the last dive of your PADI Open Water Diver course

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Adventure Trip and Live-a-Board June 2009

SJ Scuba is going to Australia in June of 2009 for a 7-day Live-A-Board with Mike Ball Expeditions. Our expedition will be a Coral Sea Safari and includes a 7-day 450 mile cruise to some of the best dive sites Australia has to offer on the Great Barrier Reef. Our route includes the Ribbon Reefs north of Cooktown, Cod Hole and the Coral Sea.

This will be a scaled down 16 day trip with 5-6 days of free time for optional day trips in Cairns and Sydney.

It will include RT air from Kansas City and the 7-day Live-A-Board. Lodging for the optional days in Cairns and Sydney are not included. However, I will be providing several options on lodging, depending on where you choose to spend your time.

It will be limited to 14 divers maximum. A non-refundable deposit of \$250.00 per person is required to hold a spot. Additional \$250.00 deposits will be due in 2007 & 2008.



PADI Instructor Course

Starting May 11th, 2007

SJS's PADI Course Director, Ernie Miller, will be conducting a PADI Instructor Development Course starting May 11th 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 816-294-1972 or email erniecd@sjscuba.com.

Why a PADI 5-Star Dive Center?

Are all Dive stores the same? Scuba Adventures, Scuba Sports, Skin N Scuba and TD 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*

Little Cayman

November 17th-24th 2007

Join SJ Scuba for a return trip to Little Cayman Beach Resort November 17th-24th, 2007. Their pool view rooms are spacious, air- conditioned and tastefully decorated. Each features a balcony or patio, color TV, ceiling fan and private bath. For the ultimate in comfort, the luxury ocean front rooms are complete with a wet bar, microwave, refrigerator, and coffee maker as well as a private balcony or patio. You may also like to take a dip in our freshwater pool or unwind in the Jacuzzi.

The resort has everything you need to make your stay special. In the boutique or the dive shop you will discover everything from postcards to dive gear. They also have a 1,500 square foot conference and meeting center.

Little Cayman boasts the third largest bird sanctuary in the Caribbean and we encourage our guests to arrange for a tour to see all the sites on Little Cayman. Visit the new museum, bird life observatory, the old cemetery, the Baptist Church and much more.

Beach Nuts Bar offers cool drinks which can be enjoyed at the bar or pool side. As the sun begins to set, you will enjoy a wide variety of gourmet specialties, delicious fresh seafood and sumptuous island favorites in our air-conditioned Bird of Paradise Restaurant or dine alfresco among the swaying palms on our screened patio.

Little Cayman, home of *Reef Divers*, was scored as having the Best Wall Diving, Fishlife, Visibility, Healthiest Marine Environment, Dive Operation, Resort, Destination... that's a lot of "Best's". It is an assurance of the quality of their diving and the services they offer. Little Cayman is one of the world's premier dive destinations with pristine

Reef Divers, the resort-owned and managed dive center, has a fleet of modern, custom designed dive boats, a complete inventory of tanks and scuba gear, along with a staff of seasoned guides and professional instructors. Add an additional margin of safety using Nitrox for your next dive by earning your Nitrox certification with one of SJ Scuba's instructors while at Little Cayman. The Reef Photo & Video Center has on-site E-6 processing.

Reef Divers is home to three custom designed super dive boats built by Newton Boats, Inc., Slidell, Louisiana. They are powered by twin caterpillar 300-hp 3116 diesel engines and are 42 feet long and 16 feet wide with a cruising speed of 25 mph. They feature over 500 square feet of floor and deck space, dual ladders, stand-

Your all inclusive package includes RT Air from KCI, transfers, lodging, 3-meals per day, 17-boat dives (dive package) and unlimited fun. Space is limited to 28 persons. A non-refundable deposit of \$250.00 per person is due upon sign up, with additional deposit of \$250.00 required by January 1st, 2007. Final payment due August 1st, 2007. Estimated cost \$2,395.00 per diver, \$2,050.00 non-diver

Continuing Education! Who! Me!

Recreational Scuba Diving continues to be one the fastest growing sports today, with PADI setting the pace for the other certification agencies. As the industries leader in instructor training, new program development, underwater aquatic awareness and dive safety, PADI currently processes an average of 3,300 certifications per business day.

Currently, Recreational Scuba Diving in the United States is primarily self-regulated and will continue to be, as long as we (divers) maintain our excellent safety record. I believe all divers have a responsibility and obligation to promote safe diving. By taking part in continuing education courses like Advanced Open Water and Rescue Diver, new divers can gain experience under the direction of an experienced team of diving professionals. In addition, Speciality Courses offer additional experience in areas of personal interest such as U/W Photo, U/W Video, Deep Diving, Wreck Diving, Night Diving, PPB and Drift Diving. Again, under the direction of an experienced diving educator.

When a newly certified Open Water or Jr. Open Water divers earns their C-Card, it's a license to gain experience so they may become experienced divers. Con-Ed courses are a safe, educational, fun, and enjoyable way to become an experienced diver.

The value and need for Con-Ed at any level of diver certification, even instructors, is very real. Diver Safety and training is the key to keeping our sport self-regulated and free of governmental controls and regulations we experience every day of our life. In the long run we will all benefit by reduced regulation, reduced cost associated with regulation and the benefit of continued diving freedom.

Ernie Miller, CD25403

Instructor Speciality

Work Shop

June 22-23-24 2007

Join TD Scuba and PADI Course Director Ernie Miller at Beaver Lake June 2-23-24 for a Speciality Instructor Work Shop and earn your PADI MSDT rating. This work shop is open to PADI Assistant Instructors and above.