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1999 Class Schedule

February 25	8:00 PM Discover Scuba	YMCA
March 4th	6:00 PM Open Water Class	YMCA
March 27th	U/W Video Class	SJS
April 16-17-18	Weekend Class	YMCA
April 22th	6:00 PM Open Water Class	YMCA
April 24th	Reef Ecology	SJS
June 5th & 6th	Open Water C/O	Table Rock Lake
June 18-19-20	Weekend Class	YMCA
July 24-25	Advanced Open Water	Table Rock Lake
August 14-15	Rescue Diver Class	Smithville Lake
August 28-29	Open Water C/O	Table Rock Lake
August 28-29	Fun Dive Weekend	Table Rock Lake
September 2nd	8:00 PM Discover Scuba	YMCA
September 9th	6:00 PM Open Water Class	YMCA
October 16-17	Open Water C/O	Table Rock Lake

PADI's New Bubblemaker for 8 to 11 year old's

The Bubblemaker is a "Pool Only" experience for children 8-11 years and may be credited towards Jr. Open Water Certification upon reaching 12 years of age. SJS will offer this new experience program during Discover Scuba and Open Water classes.

Free Discover Scuba February 25th, 1999

SJS's next free Discover Scuba will be February 25th, 8:00 PM at the YMCA in St. Joseph. SJS thanks all who make this semi-annual event a big success, and especially the YMCA staff for their support. Bring a friend or relative and join us for a fun evening. Minimum Age 8 years with parent or guardian signature!

IDC Course start February 21st

SJS's PADI Course Director, Ernie Miller, will start a Instructor Development Course (IDC) in conjunction with Scuba Adventures PADI 5-Star IDC Center. The course will be conducted in St. Joseph by special authorization from PADI. Currently, six Divemasters have signed up for the course, which includes dive theory development, academic teaching presentations, confined water teaching presentations, and open water training. Upon completion, candidates will earn the PADI Assistant Instructor (AI) rating and be qualified to set for a PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor (OWSI) examination (IE) conducted by PADI. Duties of the PADI AI include teaching academic sessions, teaching limited confined water skills and surface skill evaluation during Open Water training. AI's may also independently teach Snorkeling, Peak Performance Buoyancy, Discover Scuba, Medic First Aid Equipment Speciality, and the new Bubblemaker program. AI's are one of the most valuable assets of a Dive Training Team. OWSI's are authorized to teach Open Water and Jr. Open Water, Advanced Open Water, Rescue Diver, Divemaster, and Peak Performance Buoyancy.

Little Cayman November 20-27 1999

SJS has booked 38 spots at the Little Cayman Beach Resort on Little Cayman for our annual Thanksgiving week trip. This 10 square mile island was first discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1503. About 460 years later, it was discovered again by a whole different set of explorers. Diving enthusiasts, photographers and naturalists, and they can't stop talking about it. National Geographic photographer David Doubilet calls it "*the best diving in the Caribbean*" Reef Divers, the resort-owned and managed dive center, has everything you need. A fleet of modern, custom designed dive boats, a complete inventory of tanks and scuba gear, along with a staff of seasoned guides. There is a wide choice of day and evening dive excursions to choose from too, including a trip to the 330 foot long "*Capt. Keith Tibbetts*" - the only divable Russian warship in the western hemisphere. It sits upright and completely intact in crystal clear water, just 70 feet below the surface. Of course, one of the highlights of every diving vacation on Little Cayman includes the Bloody Bay Wall, just off the island's northwestern tip. Considered one of the world's most spectacular dive sites, this unique geological formation features a sheer drop-off that plunges hundreds of feet less than a quarter mile from shore. Trip includes two meals daily (breakfast and dinner) three dives daily, night dive, round trip air from KCI, and lodging at Little Cayman Beach Resort. Estimated cost \$1995.00. Deposit \$100.00 at sign up, with an additional \$500.00 May 1st 1999.

Only 4 spots left

SJS's Web Page

www.stj-scuba.com

Check out our new site address. "www.stj-scuba.com" SJS now has their own domain name listing on the world wide web. Our site includes a new address book page, with the name and address of area divers. Would you like to be added? Just sent us an email with your name and address. In the future, monthly bulletins will be emailed to divers with email address listings. Also, the Explorer Post (Now called Venturing) has their own page as well.

U/W Video Class

SJS will have an U/W Video class and workshop Saturday March 27th. The workshop is free to anybody currently signed up for an upcoming trip with SJS. U/W Video Speciality Certification cost \$35.00.

Free Discover Scuba and Bubblemaker

February 25th 8:00PM YMCA

Bring a friend or family member

Blackbird Caye Resort, Belize April 8th-15th, 2000

For the land lovers, SJS has booked 20 spots at Blackbird Caye Resort on Turneffe Reed Atoll in Belize. The resort sets on a private island within the second largest barrier reef in the world. With Dive Sites less than 10 minutes from the resort, the boat returns to the resort between each dive. Package includes round trip air from KCI, transfers, three meals daily, lodging with air-conditioning, and three boat dives per day. Sailing, windsurfing, kayaks and canoes are available at the resort. Estimated cost \$1750.00. Deposit \$100.00 at sign up, with an additional \$500.00 due by October 1st 1999. All deposits nonrefundable. See our web site for additional information.



PADI Instructor Examinations May 1-2 Table Rock Lake

SJS's Course Director Ernie Miller helped coordinate the PADI IE May 1-2 at Table Rock Lake. Weather was outstanding with very good visibility. Bob and Donna Saunders assisted with setting up the Open Water site on Sunday.

Advanced Open Water July 24th & 25

For 1999, SJS's Advanced course will be conducted at Table Rock Lake in Branson Missouri. The course is open to both Open Water divers and Jr. Open Water divers. This weekend course includes five dives. Divers will gain experience in the two core dives, Under Water Navigation and Deep diving. In addition, students may choose from several of the different elective dives, including Night, Under Water Photo, Under Water Naturalist, Search & Recovery, Boat Diving, Wreck Diving, and Drift Diving. Course cost \$125.00 with class size limited to 16 students. *Please sign up early by contacting St. Joe Scuba at 233-8344 and asking to be added to our Advanced Open Water list.* Class sign up is also available by calling either Scuba Adventures (816)455-1492 or St. Joseph Scuba (816)233-3080 and asking to be added to SJS's (Ernie Miller's) Advanced Open Water class. *Wet suits are not provided and must be rented separately. Cost \$25.00 for the weekend.*

Rescue Diver Course August 14th & 15th

Rescue Diver is a very informative and educational course. It will be conducted at Smithville Lake this year and is open to Advanced or Jr. Advanced Divers. This weekend course includes classroom, books, and Scuba Equipment. SJS's course has become one of the best Rescue Diver training courses in our area. The course is designed to simulate many of the possible problems divers can experience. By knowing how to recognize potential problems, divers can prevent problems before they occur. This year's activities will include local area ambulance and fire departments as part of the program. *Please sign up early by contacting St. Joe Scuba at 233-8344 and asking to be added to our Rescue course list.*



Wave Dancer November 18-25, 2000

SJS has booked all 20 spots on board the Peter Hughes Wave Dancer out of Belize City for our annual Thanksgiving week trip 2000. Our seven night trip departs on Saturday from the Ft. George Radisson Resort, Belize City, usually between 5:00 and 6:00 PM, though times may vary due to flight schedules and tide changes. Boarding starts at 3:00 PM. Trip includes air for KCI, transfers, all meals, diving, drinks. Up to five dives per day is planned with a night dive every day except Friday before we depart.

Estimated cost \$2150.00. Deposit \$100.00 at sign up, with an additional \$500.00 May 1st 2000. All deposits nonrefundable. *See our web site for additional information @ www.stj-scuba.com*

FUN DIVE WEEKEND AUGUST 28th & 29th Table Rock Lake

SJS's annual fun dive weekend will be August 28th & 29th at Table Rock Lake. Fun Dive headquarters will be located at the Table Rock Inn again this year. The rooms are filling up fast, so get your reservations in early by call Dorris at 800-234-5890. Be sure and tell them your are coming down for our fun dive weekend. The activities planned include Missouri Lobster and Treasure Hunting, along with a few new activities. For Saturday Night a barbecue/cookout is planned at the Table Rock Inn along with an outdoor slide show. Please contact SJS or one of the Dive Stores listed on our web site for any equipment needs you may have. A great time by all is guaranteed!!!!!!!

New Scuba Explorer Post

Thanks to John Stuart, SJS's new Explorer Post is off and running. Current activities include assisting with our Open Water training weekends, our Fun Dive Weekend and a trip to Florida during the summer of 2000. The group is current looking for activities and sponsors to help raise money for the Florida trip. Any one interested in the program should contact John Stuart at 816-279-1984 (work 816-387-6203) or by accessing the Explorer page on our web site. www.stj-scuba.com

WEEKEND CLASS June 18-19-20 (St Joe YMCA) July 9-10-11 (Platte City)

Introduce a friend or family member to the fascinating under world of Scuba Diving. Weekend classes are fun, exciting and require only one weekend to complete. Sign up must be completed at lease one (1) week prior to class start date. Please sign up early by contacting St. Joe Scuba at 233-8344 (*email stjscuba@stj-scuba.com*) as class size will be limited to 6 students maximum. Cost \$225.00 and includes all class materials and scuba equipment.