

PADI Dive
Training Team
&
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1999 Class Schedule

August 28-29	Fun Dive Weekend	Table Rock Lake
September 2nd	8:00 PM Discover Scuba	YMCA
September 3-4-5	Weekend Class	YMCA
September 9th	6:00 PM Open Water Class	YMCA
September 25-26	PADI Instructor Exams	Table Rock Lake
October 10th	MFA Class	SJS
October 16-17	Open Water C/O	Table Rock Lake
November 6th	DAN O2 Provider Course	SJS
November 7th	Kathy VanAmburg's Reef Ecology	SJS
December 3-4-5	Weekend Class	YMCA

WEEKEND CLASS December 3-4-5 (YMCA)

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 least one (1) week prior to class start date. Please sign up early by contacting St. Joe Scuba at 233-8344 ([email ernie@sjscuba.com](mailto:ernie@sjscuba.com)) as class size will be limited to 8 students maximum. Cost \$225.00 and includes all class materials and scuba equipment.

IDC Course start February 25th, 2000

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 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.

Kathy VamAmburg's Reef Ecology

SJS has teamed up with PADI Course Director Kathy VamAmburg to offer a one day only REEF ECOLOGY course. This course, which was written and authored by Kathy, is approved by PADI as a one-of-a kind course. Past students have found it to be interesting, educational and fun. Join SJS and Kathy from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Sunday November 7th. Get the most out of your next ocean trip!!! Cost is \$65.00 with sign up by October 15th required.

New & Used Dive Equipment for Sale

!!Used Equipment!!

SJS has a limited amount of used dive equipment for sale. BCDs, Regulators, Weight Belts, and Wet Suits. Call or stop by for details.

!!New Equipment!!

SJS also has 2-small Scuba Pro Classic BCDs (Pink & Black) available for purchase. Equipment belongs to one of our Dive Training Team members. Call or stop by for details.

PADI IE September 25th & 26th

SJS's PADI Course Director Ernie Miller has completed a summer Instructor Development Course (IDC) in time for the PADI Instructor Examinations September 25th & 26th. Congratulations to John Stuart on becoming SJS's newest Assistant Instructor. John Stuart, Bob Saunders, Kirk Laderach and several other candidates are planning on taking their IE exams. Good luck John, Bob & Kirk. The PADI Instructor Development Course is open to Divemasters, Assistant Instructors and Instructors from other certification agencies who want to become a PADI Instructor.

DAN O2 Provider Course

SJS and Dan O2 Provider Instructor Don Montgomery will be offering a DAN O2 Provider course Saturday November 6th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The course includes the Workbook, Pocket Mask, O2 Provider Patch, Certification Fees for both O2 Provider and Oxygen First Aid, and a DAN membership. Minimum age 12 years with adult dive buddy recommended for Junior divers. Cost \$150.00 Sign up by October 15th required.

Weekend Classes a big hit!

PADI's new Open Water Diver Course and the "Dive Now" theme has created a very high demand for weekend scuba classes. Under the new program, much of the classroom training has been shifted to home study. Students are watching the video, reading the book and filling out their knowledge reviews when and where they are most comfortable and prepared to learn, at home. Class room time has been reduced to a minimum. Students spend more time "Pool Diving" The course is fun, educational and extremely exciting. Spread the word, tell your friends, the secrete is out, becoming a PADI Diver no longer requires long classroom sessions or listening to the instructor talk and talk and talk. SJS's weekend and 6-week entry level Open Water Courses are all inclusive, including Mask, Fins, Snorkel, Scuba Equipment, Books and all paper work. For more information about our courses, visit our web site at www.sjscuba.com or call 816-233-8344. Let the fun begin with your PADI Open Water Course. Children 8 to 11 years may take part as Bubblemakers and receive credit towards Jr. Open Water at age 12.

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.

Colorado Altitude Diving from Mike Moseman

Morning Ernie,

Thanks for the info. on how to find dive shops and the fun dive. While in Colorado last week was able to do two dives. One with the Coral Reef Scuba in Arvada SW of Denver in their private gravel pit. Swam around the edge at 18 - 22' for 57 min. All went well and it was a great dive with visibility about 10 - 12'. Second dive with Underwater Phantaseas, Lakewood, Co. They have a special dive area in the Aurora, Co. reservoir east of Denver that they sank a old airplane in about 26' of water. Went down to the plane with one of their instructors. He had never been in reservoir and done all his diving in clear ocean water. Left plane and headed for diving platform. I have to say I did better with my Boy Scout compass than he did with his. I found the platform for us. Ernie, I did learn the lesson the hard way on going up and down slowly along with equalizing both ears. After leave platform to head in didn't equalized left ear completely and at 48' it really hurt and kind of popped. It's still stuffed up and a little sore. On way in Steve ran out of air and I got to share mine with him to surface. I still had 800 lbs left. It is amazing how fast it goes the deeper you go. All in all it was interesting and a good learning experience. Both times the shops were doing open water classes. I really developed an even greater appreciation for the professional way you ran our class, the organization, the involvement and attitude of the sub instructors and the way you instructed us. They covered the information but I think we all got more out of it & had a better experience.

So fare I have manage two night dives and two altitude dives for a total of 5 plus hr under water and still looking forward to the fun weekend. Thank again. *Mike Moseman*

Travel Services Available

Royal Ambassador Travel and St. Joe Scuba has teamed up to provide dive travel services, including airline ticketing, hotel bookings, cruises, car rentals, dive packages, personalized vacations and many other related services. Give Darlene a call at (816)232-9040 and mention St. Joe Scuba. SJS has been booking our trips with Royal Ambassador Travel for several years.

Royal Ambassador Travel is moving to 501 S. 36th Street in late December. Watch for further announcements and information on SJS's web site at sjscuba.com under "Travel Services".

Need information about a dive destination, questions about resorts, dive operators or airline connections, just email ernie@sjscuba.com with your question.



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 ***FULL***

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

SJS's annual fun dive weekend was August 28th & 29th at Table Rock Lake with "Fun Dive Headquarters" located at the Table Rock Inn. This years activities included an Under Water Scavenger hunt. Sixty-One items was placed under water for the divers to locate, with each one assigned a different amount of points. Believe it or not all sixty-one was located. We had some really good treasure dives.

The *Under Water Poker* proved to be very fun, extremely interesting to watch and quite educational for some. Using compass navigation, teams swam to each of four locations and drew a card. Teams finding their locations with out surfacing received an extra card. Congratulations to Louis Schultz and Chris Eldredge on winning the Poker Run and the cash prize.

Dianah Adams won the grand prize at Saturday nights cookout, with over 95 attending. Mike Shores cooking, an outstanding slide show by Kathy VanAmburg and some very interesting video, made the cookout an outstanding success. Thanks to Scuba Adventures, Scuba Pro and all the other vendors who donated prizes for the weekends events.

