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# UNDERWATER WORLD

**Hours:**  
Monday - Friday  
1:00 - 9:00  
Saturday 10:00 - 6:00

**March, 2010**

## Spring is Coming (Really)!

### Our Flea Market Is The First Sign!

Join us for our Annual Flea Market on, April 3, 2010 and find some real bargains. Or if you have some equipment that you no longer use, this is a great chance to sell it. You can even use the opportunity to sell some of your used equipment and upgrade to the new toys that are out there. We will even have trade-in programs that you can take advantage of. And to top it all off, we will be selling off some of our rental equipment and also have special deals on discontinued or overstocked equipment or special purchases.

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**\$\$\$\$ Trade In -- Trade Up -- Get Started \$\$\$\$**

Whether you have just started the process of looking for your own equipment or you have been diving a while and feel that your current equipment no longer meets your personal needs, or you just want some new "stuff" because you deserve it, now is the time to make your move. We have a deal with Oceanic in which you can trade-in any computer or regulator, working or not, for a brand-new one. You receive 20% off the price of any new Oceanic regulator or computer in exchange. Or if you think you can do better selling your equipment on your own, just set up a table in the parking lot and make your own deals. You might even find what you are looking for in the parking lot. If not, come in the store and see some of the great deals that we have. You can save some big bucks on BCs, regulators, computers, and wet suits. You can save 10 - 50% off retail on almost everything is in stock. We have specials on some of the new lightweight bags, BCs and regulators if you want to lighten your load and avoid airline charges for overweight bags. And if it is free that you are looking for, we will have free hotdogs and drinks. Who says there is no such thing as a free lunch? Finally, and most importantly, we will have free advice to guide you to the right deals and the right equipment for you. See you here on April 3rd.

## Travel

Okay, I have had enough of this economy. I am ready to get on with my life. I've also had enough of this weather and I just spent the last two weeks in Florida. Unfortunately, the weather followed me there. It was cold and windy the whole time I was there. I did get to make a couple of dives in Crystal River, though. Jeff and I spent the morning snorkeling with the manatees and then made a cavern dive. In the afternoon, we headed to Rainbow River for a neat drift dive down the river. Actually a massive Spring outflow, Rainbow River boasts 100-foot visibility and some fun diving. There are spring outflows that will blow you back 15 feet when you swim across them. There are large alligator gar (fish not alligators). And I even had a bird swim by me as I drifted down the river. Not above me, but beside me. It was a cormorant hunting fish and swimming 8 feet underwater. It was something I had never seen before.. As many of you know, my son, Jeff, has just returned from Iraq and the two of us went on this road trip and reconnect. There is nothing like a trip with a loved one to give you the opportunity to talk, interact, and enjoy each other's company. Look at some of the trips below and plan an escape of your own with your loved one or on your own for your own mental health.

### Weekend In The Bahamas

One of our really popular trips has been our 4 - 5 day trips to the Bahamas. We are looking to run a trip to Freeport or Nassau in the next few months, but at the moment, the airfare prices are still pretty high. As with the weather, we know airfare can change every day. So we are keeping an eye on it and looking for a deal for you. What we need to know is who would be interested, so when we find a deal we can contact you immediately. We are not asking for a commitment but if this is something that works for you, just let us know. We will contact you when we find the right deal.

### Bonaire -- April 24 - May 1

This trip, too, is full and we are not holding any spaces. However, we do have a little more time before this goes and there may be a possibility to get you spot or two. If this one doesn't work, look at our July 31 trip to Bonaire. The trip includes your airfare, condo, diving, a rental car per condo, breakfast, unlimited nitrox, a \$75 food credit and more. Call or go to our website for details. Cost was \$1780 but that depends on airfare prices at this late date.

### Another Girls Only Weekend -- May 22 - 26

I know that it is hard for us guys to believe, but our recent girls only trip was a rousing success and, believe it or not, they want to do another one without us. What are we doing wrong? Anyway, ladies, we have reserved space at a great resort in Montego Bay, Jamaica. This is an all-inclusive resort, so meals, drinks, entertainment and diving are all part of our package. And the rooms are all suites. There are 6 dives included. If you are a non-diver or bringing a non-diver, you will save \$270. We already have 7 spots sold so you need to contact Barb at [Divingbabe@aol.com](mailto:Divingbabe@aol.com) or call us quickly to reserve your spot. The price is \$975 plus air. Don't miss this opportunity. It is obviously a great trip. (I wouldn't know.)

### Truk, Palau, & Yap

History, underwater. Sunken ships, planes, tanks, & trucks. Swim along passageways that Japanese sailors were fighting from as the ships were sunk from beneath their feet. Truk was a major supply and repair depot for the Japanese during WWII. It was attacked

by a massive US Naval fleet in what was known as Operation Hailstone in April, 1944. The fleet even included the USS New Jersey in its first combat action. In 48 hours, US Navy aircraft sunk over 50 Japanese ships in the lagoon. They also destroyed most of the Japanese land facilities. Our forces then bypassed the lagoon without invading as they continued their march towards the Japanese homeland. Not only will you have the opportunity to dive these incredible wrecks and experience history undisturbed, you will find the wrecks covered in beautiful soft corals and inhabited by schools of colorful fish. From here we head to Palau. I consider Palau to be one of the prettiest places in the world, both above and below the surface. Palau is made up of about 200 individual islands, some only a couple of dozen yards across. The bases of these islands are cut away by the movement of the ocean and since they are topped with jungle, they look like giant green-topped mushrooms. Underwater, it is fabulous as well. One of the dives, Blue Corner is considered one of the best dives in the world. It is one of my favorite dives. Palau was also the site of some major WWII battles, think Peleliu, and you will see some evidence of this but it is the beauty of Palau we are there to see. Finally, it is on to Yap, famous for its giant manta rays. We will dive a site known as Mil Channel where schools of giant mantas, some up to 13-feet across, come into a cleaning station. They will hover right in front of us patiently waiting for the young fish to come out from the reef to clean the parasites and dead skin from their bodies. They will sit there just feet from you. It gets your heart racing. We are setting up the trip so you can do all or just part of it. Call me if you are interested or e-mail me at [uww@aol.com](mailto:uww@aol.com) for details.

### North Carolina -- July 9 - 11

If a Caribbean trip is not in your near future, consider North Carolina. This is an area known as the Graveyard of the Atlantic. There are hundreds of sunken ships in the waters off Cape Hatteras. These are some of the heaviest shipping lanes in the world and during World War II was a primary hunting grounds for German subs. There is even a sunken German sub there. Well, we have chartered the Olympus, the best dive boat in the region. We have the boat for Friday, Saturday, & Sunday. You can choose to dive all three days, or just the weekend. We are presently making hotel arrangements and will have a final price by the time you read this. Let us know if you are interested.

### Red Sea & Egypt -- September 16 - October 2

Ever since grade school, most of us have had a fascination with Egypt. Now is the time to satisfy that curiosity. George will be leading a trip to Egypt coupled with a week of diving on the Red Sea. You will have the opportunity to visit the pyramids, Sphinx, Antiquities Museum and spend time on a Nile River Cruise. The diving of course is on the Red Sea and it is really beautiful diving. It is very similar to South Pacific diving. If you have a non-diver going, we have options for them as well. Go to our website and look up travel and there is a link that will give you all the different options available to you for this trip.. You can do just the diving or just the touring or you can do both. We only have twelve spots reserved and we already most of the spots sold. Call us now.

### Bonaire -- July 31 - August 7

If you read the piece above about Bonaire, you know my feelings about it. Bonaire is also the site of our annual "Family" trip. We call it that because so many families choose to go even though

you do not need to go with your family. There are many singles that go as well. But with it happening during the summer vacation, it is a great opportunity to take your family on a vacation that they will remember for the rest of their lives. Condos offer the opportunity to keep some food and drinks in the fridge and keep the cost down. And with other families there, it gives your kids others to interact with as well as other parents to swap child care duties so you can go diving or out to a romantic dinner. The trip includes everything in our April trip above. The cost is \$1780. Contact us for details.

### **Philippines -- March 5th - 19th, 2011**

Jeff and Ada have just recently returned from the Philippines on a scouting trip. They were thrilled with what they found and are planning a group trip in early 2011, so it gives you some time to save. This will be a great trip with incredible diving. seahorses, ghost pipefish, flamboyant cuttlefish and more. You can do up to 4 dives or more a day. It includes airfare, lodging, meals, diving, internet access and unlimited shore diving. And there are plenty of other things to do nearby. The cost of the trip is \$4626 which is a great deal for a trip of this length and distance. For more information, check our website or contact Jeff at jashtgac@aol.com.

### **In The Future**

We are also working on future trips to Bermuda in September, Cozumel, October 30, 2010, and possibly even another trip to Bonaire in the late Fall. Check our website before you make other plans.

### **Courses**

With Spring just around the corner, now is the time to get your loved ones certified. We have a number of courses starting in the next couple of weeks. This will get them ready for their certification dives as soon as the weather warms up. Then you will have the whole summer to dive together. We will have classes from Quakertown to Abington, from Ambler to Northeast Philadelphia. Check our website for dates and times or give us a call.

### **Advanced Course**

Build confidence. Increase your skill level. It won't be long now. We will be starting Advanced Courses again in May. This course is one weekend long and includes 6 dives. We will have you doing navigation dives, a deep dive, a night dive, and more. When you complete this course, you will find that your confidence levels have leapt forward. As your confidence grows, your enjoyment of the sport will grow. You will see why we find diving so exciting. Check our web site for the available courses and the instructors teaching them.

### **Underwater Photography -- April 18, 21, 28**

Now that you've taken the advanced course and understand why we find diving so exciting, the next step is to show your friends. And what better way than by taking pictures of your latest dives. Now I have to tell you, underwater photography is a little trickier than surface photography. But even surface photography has certain techniques that make your pictures better than the ones your friends take. And that is the goal, isn't it? Well, for guys it is, anyway. We can teach you these techniques and you will see improvements in your pictures, both above and below the surface. The cost is \$125 and you don't even need to have a camera.

### **Equipment Specialist Course -- April 20**

If you are one of those people who need to know how things work, then you should take this course. Tim teaches this course and there is no one in this area more knowledgeable than him. He will give you insight into how our dive equipment works and how to analyze problems when they occur. More importantly, he will show you which problems you can handle in the field and which require more in depth service. You will learn about regulators, BCs, dive computers, and suits. You will really enjoy this course. It is \$110 and three nights long.

### **Nitrox Diver**

Remember that Nitrox is not for deep diving. It is used to extend our dive times in the 60 - 130 foot range or to create a greater safety margin in those same depths. We do offer these courses monthly. And with 2 or more divers we can offer one to fit your schedule. The course is usually held over 2 nights but we can do it in a one day format as well. Watch our website or call us if you need some specific dates.

### **Dry Suit Course - And A Special Deal**

Tired of being cold? There is no reason to be. Take our Dry suit Course and we will show you how to change that. We will spend one night in class, one night in the pool and a day of diving. And now is the perfect time to do it. We are part of a special dry suit deal offered by DUI and another one by Bare. These deals can save you a lot of money. If you purchase a DUI Stock dry suit, we will, at no charge, upgrade you to a "Select" Suit. That gives you the choice of extended sizes, boot changes, and choice of colors. You also get a free Sport package, including a hood, pocket and CF-200 kneepads, and best of all, you get free Actionwear professional drysuit underwear. This adds up to a huge \$770.00 savings. We also have a deal with Bare, that if you order a stock Bare dry suit, you will get free Bare underwear. Again a very good deal. There is one catch though. These deals expire at the end of March. That is why we are running the course on March 23 & 24.

### **Scuba Camp**

Boy, Spring really is right around the corner. We are already getting enrollments for our Summer Scuba Camps. This is an ideal way to get your kids certified. It is a week long, from 9:30 - 5:00 for 5 days. Then they are ready to do their certification dives. We will have those scheduled shortly after each calss. Your kids could do it either June 21 - 25 or August 23 - 27. It is held at Elbow Lane Day Camp in Warrington. It always amazes me how these kids, after being properly taught, change from being little brats to being good, responsible buddies. Sign up for our Bonaire trip as well and you will have the best vacation ever, diving with your kids.

### **Upcoming Courses**

With Spring just around the corner, we have a lot of plans for courses that involve openwater dives. Below are just a few of them.

CPR/First Aid -- See Website

Dive Medic (includes above plus AED, BBp, & O2) See Website

Rescue Diver -- June 12 & 13

Master Diver -- June 17

Divemaster/Assistant Instructor -- May 12

NAUI Scuba Instructor -- July 13

## Buddy Teams

Every time I write the newsletter, I get to write about some happy things that happen in the lives of our fellow divers. This time the good news belongs to me. Just about a month ago I had the great pleasure of seeing my son, Jeff, return safely from Iraq. Everyone said, "Boy, that was a fast year." I can tell you, they weren't seeing it from my seat. I am thrilled to have him back and I am extremely proud of him and his fellow soldiers who put their lives on the line so that the rest of us can sleep well at night. Interestingly, when we went to put a coming home party together for him we ran in to Trip who is now the Assistant Manager at the Senior Center in Doylestown and was instrumental in helping us throw a memorable coming home party. I am sure you will see Jeff in the store from time to time helping us out. On a sadder note, I want to let you know that Nancy's father passed away in early January. He was 82 years old but still a dynamic and energetic presence. It is always hard to watch your friends go through this but I have to tell you, Nancy is one of the strongest people that I know. When you see her pass on your regrets.

## Lose Some More Weight

In our last newsletter, I wrote about the new dive bags that make it easier to stay within the weight limits imposed by the airlines. I said that we put together a set of gear in a bag and it weighed less than 27 pounds and still in a wheeled bag. Well, that was then. More changes have come down the pike. We have seen some new BCs come out from both Aqualung and Scubapro and we are impressed by both. I use a Scubapro Knighthawk and I love it. They have now come out with the Litehawk, a lightweight version of the Knighthawk. I think I am going to make it my new travel BC. Aqualung has come out with the Zuma which weighs under 5 pounds. It is getting to be that the heaviest thing you are carrying is your fins. You can now put together a set of gear in a wheeled dive bag and be approaching 20 pounds. That is pretty amazing. I remember travelling with people who had trouble keeping it to two 70-pound bags. We are going to Little Cayman in April and I am looking forward to seeing what my bags are going to weigh, especially since I still like to bring my tool kit, and both video and still cameras. Check in. I'll let you know how I do.

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## Annual Flea Market and Sale

April 3, 2010

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Save 50% or More

It only comes once a year. The Annual Flea Market. This is it. All year long people ask us when our flea market is going to be. Now you have the answer. Some of these divers are looking to sell some equipment, some are looking to buy. This meets both those needs. If you have equipment you want to sell, set up a table in the parking lot (or set up on the hood of your car or on your trunk) and get cash for you used equipment. Or take advantage of our sale of rental equipment and a whole lot of other special deals that we will have. Look below and see some of the specials that we will have available

### RENTAL EQUIPMENT

Regulators -- \$75.00

Octopus -- \$25.00

BCs -- \$50.00 - \$100.00

Wet Suits -- \$25.00 - \$75.00

### SPECIAL PURCHASES

Akona Weight Bag -- \$29.95

Akona Under 10 Pound Bag -- \$149.00

Deep See Mesh Bag -- \$24.95

Deep See Jumpsuits -- \$79.95



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