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Annual Flea Market March 29, 2008

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\$\$\$\$ Annual Flea Market \$\$\$\$

Can't get your old wetsuit zipped up anymore? Or have you decided that it is time to get a new regulator or computer? Don't know what to do with your old stuff? Or are you just looking for some good deals? At our Annual Flea Market, you can set up a table in our parking lot and sell off your old gear. No charge. Whatever you get, you keep!! If you are now diving warm water only, sell that 7mm wetsuit. (Use that money for a deposit on one of our trips.) If you are looking for some deals, one person's trash is another person's treasure. You just may find a great backup regulator or a wetsuit that is perfect for you. We will be selling some of our rental regulators, bcs, and wetsuits. You could get a regulator or bc for as little as \$75. You could find a wetsuit for \$50. And we will also have many specials inside the store as well. You will find up to 20% off all gloves, boots, and hoods, 30 - 40% off select wetsuits, fins, regulators, and bcs. If a deal is what you are looking for, March 29th is your day. And to make it extra special we will have free hotdogs and drinks and some special giveaways as well. The Flea market starts at 10:00 am and lasts all day long. But be there early for the best deals.

Travel

2008 is shaping up to be a great travel year. With the Euro getting so expensive, visiting the continent is outrageous. But most Caribbean currencies are tied to the US Dollar, so it is still very affordable. Even with our trips to Fiji and Malaysia, we are finding good deals. Check out the trips below.

Little Cayman -- April 20 - 27

Just about the time you are receiving this, I will be packing my bags for our Belize Trip. It is a little late for you to join us there, but we may still be able to get you on our Little Cayman trip. Ed is leading our group to this, the smallest of the Cayman islands. I do feel that this is the best diving in the Caribbean. The walls at Jackson Bay and Bloody Bay are known worldwide. Little Cayman Beach Resort is fabulous. Wear loose clothes, the food is great. We do three dives daily and the trip includes three meals daily. I don't want to keep going because we may not be able to get you on the trip. It is only a couple of weeks away. If you are interested, give us a call immediately and we will see if there are rooms and airspace still available and at what price. We will do the best we can.

Weekend In The Bahamas

Also next month We have a trip going to Nassau for four days. It is only a month away and we are no longer holding any spots. If you are interested, give us a call and we will see what we can do for you. Airfares have moved up from what we had originally gotten, so it may cost a little more, but you know how airfares vary. Also, let us know if you may be interested in a future Bahama weekend and we will contact you as soon as we put one together. We watch for the airfare sales and will sometimes wrap a trip around a good fare, but it happens quickly, so it is important for us to know if you are interested.

Blackbeard's Cruise -- May 3 - 9

Diane will be leading a trip aboard on the Blackbeard sailboats in early May. Here is your chance to try live-aboard diving at a great price. Blackbeard's is one of the best values for your money. You get all your food and drinks, lots of diving, and a cruise around the Bahamas. Because you are living on the boat, you can reach the sites where the day boats never dive. You should see dolphins and rays, explore the reefs and probably even visit a couple of wrecks. You will spend an evening in Bimini and enjoy life at sea. The accommodations are berths, so it is a little like camping, but it is a lot of adventure for the dollar. Contact us immediately if you are interested.

North Carolina -- July 11 - 13

They don't call the ocean off North Carolina, the Graveyard of the Atlantic for no reason. There are hundred's of wrecks off these shores. Mark just gave a talk to the dive club about diving North Carolina, and it got me psyched again. I am planning on going this year. We will once again be staying in Morehead City and diving with Olympus, the best operation down there. You can dive just Saturday and Sunday, or you can dive Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, or you can probably convince us to slip in a couple more days as well. The trip is \$565 for three days of diving and three nights in the hotel. Additional days are available. Call us now.

Bonaire -- August 9 - 16

I said earlier that Little Cayman has the best diving in the Caribbean. However, my favorite place in the Caribbean is Bonaire. (Actually, you need to do them both.) Bonaire is the perfect trip for a new diver. It is some of the easiest diving that you can do. And it is excellent diving to boot. You can do boat diving, with short boat rides. You can do beach diving. You can even take a trip with Larry's Wildside if you think that you are ready. This is the most popular trip that we run. I am presently considering another Bonaire Trip for the fall. If you can't make this one, let me know and I will get you the details on the next one. The August trip costs \$1675 and includes airfare, accommodations, diving, breakfast, transfers, and a rental vehicle for each condo. This trip is about full (5 months before we go) so sign up quickly.

Sea Of Cortez September 6 -13

There are certain boxes in life that you have to check before you die. Diving with the sea lions is one of them. This is your chance to get that out of the way. We will be flying into La Paz, Mexico and staying at Los Arcos, a recently refurbished hotel in town. Each morning we will board the boat with our divemaster, Josie, who has lived and worked that area for the last 10 years. She is one of the best divemasters I have ever worked with. The diving she will deliver can be incredible. There will be sea lions. The pups will just be big enough for the adults to leave them alone and they will come and play with you. There is also a dive you will do that almost always has a couple of manta rays hanging around. After that anything is possible. We have seen hundreds of dolphins, sailfish, hammerheads, and even sperm whales. The Sea of Cortez is an incredible place and what it decides to deliver to you is always a pleasant surprise. Rich Mampe will be leading this trip and the trip will include airfare, hotel, diving, breakfast and lunch on the dive days. This trip is \$1895. Sign up quickly.

Cozumel October 25 November 1

It has now been three years since Hurricane Wilma devastated Cozumel. A remarkable transformation has taken place. The resorts are better than ever. Although some of the reefs were badly damaged, Rich has his list of really good sites that he will make sure we get to dive. That is the advantage of travelling with an experienced group leader. We know the good hotels, the good restaurants, and the really good dive sites. Join us. The trip includes airfare, hotel, all meals, all drinks, diving, as well as the divemaster tips and a steak or lobster dinner downtown at one of Rich's favorite restaurants. The cost is \$1735.00, still a deal

Sipidan Water Village August 28 September 11

This is really an incredible place. You will stay in cottages over the water, dive with the turtles, watch mandarin fish mate, and see creatures that you have never seen before. SWV is located off the northeast coast of Borneo, part of Malaysia. After 9 days at SWV, it is onto Borneo to visit with the Orangutans and the proboscis monkeys during jungle tours. Only \$4795. Call us now.

Fiji November 22 - December 6

Jeff & Ada will be leading a Thanksgiving trip to Fiji. Airfare, hotel, transfers, meals and 20 boat dives - only \$4950. Check our web site for all the details.

Courses

The local dive season kicks off shortly. Dutch Springs opens April 5th. It won't be long before we have staff up there every weekend. If you can't find a buddy, give us a call and you can join us. Or better yet, take one of the courses below and it will not only give you a reason to go diving, but it will increase your skills as well. Look below.

Scuba Diver

We have a number of basic courses starting shortly. This is a great time to get your friends or loved ones into a course. Checkouts come up in early June when the water is getting warm. Then you will have a new buddy to dive with all summer. Or you could even take the Advanced Course together. Look below.

Advanced Course

This is a great course to build your confidence and your skill level. It takes only one weekend. We do three dives on Saturday and three on Sunday. We will work on navigation, night diving, buoyancy control, a deep dive, and a night dive. It is a full weekend, but a lot of fun. The dates are below.

Instructor	Class	Dives
Andy Napoli	May 14	May 17 & 18
Barb Hayden	June 4J	June 7 & 8
Rich Mampe	June 11	June 14 & 15
Andy Moore	June 18	June 21 & 22
Andy Napoli	July 17	July 19 & 20
George Schulle	July 30	August 2 & 3

Rescue Diver -- June 14 & 15

This is another course that every diver should take. It is much more than teaching you how to rescue other divers. Diving is a really safe sport because we are very safety conscious. The trick is not to just be ready to react to a crisis, but to stop the crisis from occurring. We will teach you to recognize dangerous situations and how to manage them. We will teach you self-rescue and finally we will teach you how to rescue your buddy or another diver. You need to have First Aid/CPR (see below). Also if you want an Advanced Rescue Diver card, you will need O2 Provider (also see below). You will be thrilled with this course. The fee is \$225.

Master Diver Course -- June 16th

For the diver that wants to learn more about diving, to get into the subject in "depth", this is the course. It involves 6 classroom sessions and 5 days of diving. We will cover subjects such as proper use of lift bags, ocean diving, decompression diving and much more. This is also a prerequisite for continuing on to Divemaster or Instructor. This is the course where advanced knowledge of diving is acquired. In a Divemaster course, we do not teach about diving, we teach about running dives. In an Instructor course, we do not teach about diving, we teach about teaching diving. You will have a lot of fun with this course and be a great diver when it is over. The cost of the course is \$295.00.

Divemaster/Assistant Instructor Course -- June 19

If being a dive leader is what you want to do, this is the course that

you need to take. What confuses people is the difference between Divemaster and Master Diver. A Master Diver is a diver who has achieved a level of diving recognized as a knowledgeable and experienced diver. A Divemaster is a leadership position, someone who runs the dives. You will need the Master Diver certification and Dive Rescue to become a Divemaster. If you plan on becoming an instructor, then you will want to take the Assistant Instructor add-on as well.

Speciality Courses

First Aid / CPR	April 12 & 13
Equipment Specialist	April 1, 8, & 15
Dry Suit	April 22 & 24
Intro to Jersey Diving	Call for Dates
Nitrox	April 17 & 24
Underwater Photography	April 23 (4 Nights)
NAUI Instructor Course	August 18

Scuba Camp

I can tell you, it is a wonderful thrill when you make that first dive with one of your children. It is so much fun to share the wonder that we have for the sport and see how enthusiastic and competent that our kids can be, it makes you wonder if these are the same kids we had above water. It is funny how introducing them to something serious brings out the maturity in them. This year's camps will be held June 16 - 20 or August 18 - 22. The camp is held in Warrington at the Elbow Lane Day Camp. Call us for details or a brochure.

Boat Dives

We have scheduled several boat dives for the coming season. We are planning on using the Gypsy Blood. We have had some really good reports on it. We will be doing two tank dives as usual and the boat will be supplying us with lunch as part of the charter. Presently we will be diving June 28, July 20, August 23, and September 14. Sign up for them now. Once we fill these up, we will schedule more. Let's go lobster hunting.

Buddy Teams

Ah, the gossip. We want to congratulate Nancy's son, Ryan, on his engagement to his fiancée, Lexi. Ryan was 5 years old when his mom came to work at Underwater World. We also want to congratulate fellow diver, Maria Anderson, on completing her encounter with chemotherapy. There are two stories here. First is that Maria has been an incredible inspiration to all of us. Her attitude and bravery are to be lauded. (Maria also set us up to stay with her cousin, Bob Deacon, in Virginia Beach, during our bike ride to Florida.) Maria's "adventure" also allowed me to reconnect with an old friend, Beth Dupree. I met Beth when she was 17 years old. Today, she is well-known, highly respected surgeon. She has recently opened a center which specializes in "diseases of the breast". Not only is she a diver and a surgeon, she is an author and a pilot. But what I really want to congratulate her for is her foundation, The Healing Consciousness Foundation, a nonprofit organization which provides healing therapies for breast cancer survivors. Beth is one of the most enthusiastic people that I know. I am sure her foundation will be a great success. You can help by going to www.thehealingconsciousness.com to make a contribution. And sorry, guys, Beth has a long time husband, Joe, also a diver. It is great to reconnect with old friends. Do it.

Digital Photography

Certain subjects that we have previously written about sometimes deserve a revisit. Digital photography is one. Why not call this article Underwater Photography and include a discussion on film cameras? Because the use of film cameras underwater, contrary to my predictions, have virtually disappeared. We can't give away a film camera today. The changeover to digital cameras is amazing. It came about much more quickly than I expected for two reasons. First was the increase in the quality of the images. This means more megapixels. The quality of a picture taken at one to three megapixels just didn't impress those of us who used film. But once five or six megapixels and more became commonplace, we started to see really acceptable pictures. Now remember, it doesn't do you any good to buy a 6mp camera and then set the quality on anything lower than 6mp. Of course, the problem with the higher megapixel cameras is the requirement for storage capacity. As we all know, the price of storage has plummeted. We can now get a 1 gig card for under twenty bucks. A 1 gig card will hold hundreds of pictures. Sea Life will be delivering an 8mp underwater camera to us in mid-May. It will be offered at the same price as their 5mp and 6mp cameras were offered. These new cameras have also addressed the problem of shutter delay that most of us found annoying in digital cameras. Finally, companies like mypublisher.com allows us to print our pictures and put them into a book. If all this tweaks your interest, you should take our Underwater Photography Course. We have one starting April 23 and run them about every two months.

Diving Safety

As the local diving season ramps up, there are two other areas that we want to revisit. As a long time instructor and trip leader, I have seen many great divers, and many poor divers. As time goes on, I have analyzed both types of divers to compare the differences. I have found that the poor divers perform poorly in two areas, buoyancy control and dive planning. I have made these areas of emphasis in the courses that I teach. I have certified over 3000 divers. Underwater World has taught somewhere around 14,000 divers. So we know about what we speak. You can take advantage of this knowledge. I have written two articles on these subjects, and at first I wanted to put them here in this article. But alas, paper does have the limitation of space. With only 1 3/4 inches left, I am going to have to resort to referring you to our web site, www.diveunderwaterworld.com. Click on Scuba Diving Safety (left hand side) and you can read both articles. One is called Three BCs To Better Buoyancy Compensation and the other is Dive Planning-- Separating The Pros and the Amateurs. The former article talks about how we have to use all three of our BCS to achieve proper buoyancy compensation. These three BCS are our buoyancy compensator, our breath control, and our body control. The article will lead you to understand the part that each of these play. The second article talks about how dive planning does not start when we arrive at the dive site. It gives you a step by step process to ensure that your dives or your dive trip happens the way you had visualized it. Remember, if you think it will just happen, as we say in scuba diving, "Don't hold your breath."

ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

March 29th -- 10:00 AM TO 6:00 PM
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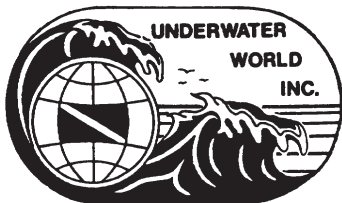
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Wet Suits -- \$25 - \$50
Regulators -- \$75 - \$100
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Select Fins -- 40% Off
Sale ends March 29th

If you have equipment that you want to sell, just set up a table in our parking lot, or set up on your tailgate or trunk and make some deals. We ask nothing in return. We just want to get people diving. If you are looking for equipment, check out the parking lot and come on inside and see what we have for sale. There are some great deals to be had. Also, if you are looking at something outside and would like our opinion on it, feel free to ask our well-trained staff. They will give you their honest opinion. Again, we want to see you out there diving. Remember, the best deals happen early and the popular sizes go quickly. See you on March 29th.



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