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Can't get your old wetsuit zippered 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 our Bonaire trip.) 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 equipment in our Swim Center, 30 - 40% off select wetsuits, fins, masks, regulators, and bcs. If a deal is what you are looking for, April 2nd 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

Wow!! The world is changing! Elections in Afganistan and Iraq for starters. Now in the past few weeks, we see Mubarak calling for elections in Egypt, the Palestinians voting, Israel turning over territory, Syria withdrawing from Lebanon, Syria turning Saddam's half-brother over to U.S. Special Ops, and Libya disarming. This is a historic time we are living in. Even though travel to the Caribbean and the South Pacific has been safe, even after 9/11, we are now looking again towards the Red Sea, Africa, Indonesia and Malaysia. Tim is headed out to check out Wakatobi (in Indonesia) in May. If you have not been traveling because of the state of the world in the last three years, it is time to get back to it. Look below and see some of your choices.

Weekends in the Bahamas

We have three Bahama trips planned this Spring. By the time you are reading this, you have already missed one. Move quickly and we may be able to get you on one of the other two. We have one scheduled for April 15 - 18 with Bob Miracle and another trip scheduled for May 13 - 15 with Jeff Smith. These trips leave on Friday morning and return on Monday night. Therefore you only need 2 days off work. The trip includes airfare, transfers, accommodations (Wyndam Nassau Resort), and 4 dives. Additional diving is available. The price for this break from insanity is \$925. We are watching airfares to see if we can get any special deals. Call us now. As those planes fill up, the deals go away.

North Carolina – July 8 - 10

If Little Cayman is the best reef diving in this hemisphere than the best wreck diving in this hemisphere is right off the North Carolina coast. And we have a trip scheduled to visit some of these great wrecks. We will be heading to Morehead City, NC on Friday, July 8th (or earlier). We have rooms reserved at the Best Western and a boat chartered for both Saturday and Sunday. It is also possible to go down earlier, as some of our people are planning on diving Friday as well. The cost of the trip is \$400. You can stay Thursday and dive Friday for only \$175 additional.

Bonaire – August 13 - 20

It is family month in Bonaire and we are heading back. We will be staying at Buddy Dive this year. It is right on the beach with good diving right in front of the condos. To get your heart racing, try a night dive right off the dock. There are a couple of big tarpon that will trail along behind you while you are diving. The flash of silver as your light hits them will get your attention. We stay in condos with a full living room, dining room and kitchen. It is a great way to do a trip. Diving includes 6 boat dives and unlimited beach diving. Kids 12 and under can stay free in your condo. Call and ask me for details. The trip includes air, condos, diving, breakfast, and rental cars. We already have 11 spots sold. Don't delay in making your reservation. The price of the trip is \$1595. for divers, \$200. less for non-divers. Also, this year, we will be throwing a barbecue one night, drinks included and giving each full paying customer a \$75 food voucher to be used at the restaurant at Buddy Dive. So between breakfast, the free dinner and the food voucher, that should take a bite out of your food bill. This is a great trip whether you go with your family or on your own. About half of the fifty people who join us for this trip have been there with us before. What does that tell you. Get your \$500 deposit in now.

Truk, Palau, & Yap – July 23 - Aug 11

Again, as you are reading this our first 2005 Truk, Palau, & Yap group will be packing their bags for their April 16 departure. That trip, led by Rick Mampe, is already full, but I will be leading one in July. We presently have about 15 people signed up for that one. If you are not familiar with this trip, let me enlighten you. This is the trip of a lifetime, at least one of them. I first went to Truk in 1983 and before the week was out, I knew that I had to return. This will be my 5th trip. Truk was a supply and repair depot for the Japanese during WWII. In April, 1944, an Allied task force removed it from the war in 48 hours. Over 50 Japanese ships were sunk and many Japanese facilities destroyed. What remains is considered the best wreck diving in the world. These ships carried tanks, planes, munitions and more. It is incredible to see. After a week in Truk, we will head to Palau for some of the prettiest sites that you have ever seen, above or below water. Palau is stunning. When we saw that Survivor was going to be there, we all laughed. I can assure you that you will have no trouble surviving the Palau Pacific Resort and some of highest rated dive sites in the world. Places like Blue Hole Corner, Wonder Channel and Pelileu. Finally, we will give you the option of joining us for a side trip to Yap on the way home. Here you will dive with the giant manta rays, as we showed you at Feo Pitcairn's presentation in December. This is diving so good, it is almost a religious experience. The manta rays come in to be cleaned and hover right in front of you while the small fish swim around them picking off parasites and dead skin. It is not a sight you will soon forget. The cost of the trip is \$4995 with Yap being an additional \$995. And remember you will accumulate about 25,000 miles on Continental for this trip. That is good for a free ticket after you return. So it is like getting a couple of hundred dollars back. Sign up now. Your friends will eat their hearts out. (If you can't make the trip in July, we will be running a third one departing November 12 with Jeff Smith.)

Cozumel – October 15 - 22

Our infamous Cozumel trip is scheduled again for October, 2005. And it is a pretty good deal to boot. We will once again be staying at the Reef Club with all meals, drinks, accommodations, and 5 days of diving included. Airfare is included as well. And the cost is only \$1495!! We have to give up any seats we are holding after August 1. Don't wait until the last minute. Cozumel is definitely in the top 5 diving location in the Caribbean. It should be on your must do list. Send us your \$300 deposit now.

Great White Sharks – October 15 - 21

Looking for the thrill of a lifetime? Come face to face with a great white shark in the wild. We have a boat chartered out of San Diego to go to the Isla de Guadalupe off Mexico. Once there, we will slip into shark cages and be lowered into the sea to meet this famous creature. The trip is \$2995 and space is limited. Call for details.

Roatan – Thanksgiving, 2005

George Schulle will be leading our Roatan trip this year to the Bay Island Beach Resort on November 19 - 26. Roatan is one of the Bay Islands off Honduras. But unlike the old days (DC-3, Gravel runway) we can now fly in directly from Houston or from Miami. We are still working out the details but the trip will include Deluxe accommodations, 3 boat dives a day, 3 meals a day, a nightdive and more. There is hiking and kayaking, islands tours, and optional dolphin dives, fishing, horseback riding, whitewater

rafting, etc., etc. The trip should come in at about \$1950 - 1995, but you are getting a lot for that. We have reserved 12 spots but being as it is Thanksgiving week, the spots could go quickly. Make your reservation now. We will need \$500 now and the balance 90 days out. (Incidentally, these are the people who donated first prize for the raffle that we held for Denny McLaughlin, as well as donating space for him and his family which was the last trip that they got to take together before Denny's passing. It is good that we can thank them by bringing some business back to them.)

In The Works

We are continually working on dives way out into the future. For instance, in addition to another Bahama weekend (or two) in the Fall, we will also be going back to Playa del Carmen on the first weekend in December. We are also looking at a trip to the Great Lakes or Tobermory for late Summer, 2005 and a Galapagos trip in the Summer of 2007. In order to get the Galapagos Aggressor during the Summer months, we need to reserve it (and put a deposit on it) about 2 years in advance. Call if you are interested and we will let you know as things develop.

Travel Notes

It is important to remember that all prices are based on double occupancy and on current airfares. Unfortunately airfares can change up until we actually purchase the tickets. (Then, of course, the airlines charge a penalty for any changes, if they allow changes). This is usually not a problem, but it can happen. Also please note that if you are signing up alone, we will try to line up a roommate for you, however, if we cannot there will be an additional charge for a single supplement. Again, this is not something under our control and we must pass this charge along. We would recommend trip cancellation insurance. If you do need to cancel the trip, there may be penalties that are not under our control. Protect yourself.

Courses

Scuba Diver

We regularly have Scuba Diver courses starting throughout the area. Even if you have a friend who does not live in the neighborhood, remember that we teach courses from Quakertown to Newtown, from Abington to Doylestown. Why send them somewhere else when you know the quality of instruction that they will receive from Underwater World. Give us a call or check the web site at www.diveunderwaterworld.com.

Advanced Diver Course

If you have just completed your Scuba Diver course, have been away from diving for a while, or just want to hone your skills, then you should take the Advanced Scuba Diver Course. This course is one weekend, six dives. We will work on navigation, advanced buoyancy control, and night diving, as well as air consumption and a few other things, as time permits. Every diver should take this course. It is \$125 and some of the dates are listed below.

Instructor	Class	Dives
Barb Hayden	June 2	June 4 & 5
Rob Kronenbitter	June 15	June 18 & 19
Rich Mampe	June 22	June 25 & 26
George Schulle	July 17	July 19 & 20

Rescue Diver – June 18 & 19

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 \$175.

Master Diver Course – June 9th

This is the premier course for diving knowledge. With 6 – 7 class sessions and 5 days of diving, you will complete this course and feel really knowledgeable about diving. We will even take a trip to the recompression chamber at the University of Pennsylvania. The cost of this course is \$195 and is one of the courses that you need to take on your way to becoming a Divemaster (or as an end in itself). The course will start on June 9th, so sign up now.

Divemaster/Assistant Instructor Course – June 16th

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.

Specialty Courses

First Aid / CPR / O2 Provider	April 9
Equipment Specialist	April 28, May 5 & 12
Dry Suit	April 26 & 28
Intro to Jersey Diving	Call for Dates
Nitrox	May 10 & 17
Underwater Photography	May 12 (4 Nights)
NAUI Instructor Course	July 24

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 20 - 24 or August 22 - 26. The camp is held in Warrington at the Elbow Lane Day Camp. Call us for details or a brochure.

Boat Dives

Block out June 26, July 24, August 21, September 3, and October 16 to go Jersey diving with us. We have the Dina Dee chartered out of Brielle and will hit the best possible wrecks each day. Then get the lobster pot out and invite me over.

Buddy Teams

Sadly, the most important piece of news that we have to relate to you in our Buddy Teams section this time is the passing of Denny McLaughlin. Denny has been a friend and diving buddy for almost 40 years. When I was the Aquatic Director for the Boy Scouts at Hart Scout Reservation, Denny was the Director at Treasure Island. There we developed a friendship (with a little competition) that would survive for four decades. When Denny and Rosanne married, it was in the living room of my house. He worked for us for many years before striking out on his own. Denny was unmatched in the water. I always said that if I were in trouble, there is no one on earth that I would want on the rescue team more than Denny. He was not the guy you wanted on the other team in a water polo game. He could hold his breath longer than anyone I knew, or, as I always suspected, he could breathe underwater. There has to be some truth to the former. There is a great tribute



written by Cathie Cush on the DAN website. You could go to www.diversalernetnetwork.org/news/article.asp?newsid=532 or just go to the DAN website and type McLaughlin under Search. Denny has taught over 2500 divers throughout this area over the last 40 years and he will be sorely missed. This was evident by the turnout at Denny's Friendship Celebration that we held in October and at the Funeral Service in Maple Glen. The church had a better turnout than it probably gets on most Sundays. There were probably about 400 people there on a workday. People had flown in from around the country, some flying back the same day. It really shows the power of true friendship. Denny was 57 years old and succumbed to cancer. He is survived by his wife, Rosanne, and his three children, twins, Patrick and Andrew, 15, and Elizabeth, 13. It has been a great pleasure to have him as friend and diving buddy for most of my life. Our prayers

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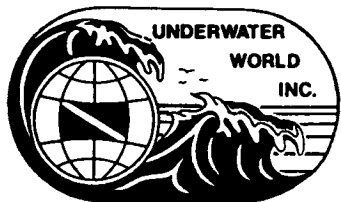
Wet Suits - \$25 - \$50
Regulators - \$75 - \$100
BC s - \$50 - \$100
Gauges - \$20 - \$50
Computers - \$75 - \$150
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Aeris Computers - 30% Off
Aqualung Wetsuits - 25% Off
Oceanic Wetsuits - 50% Off
Select BCs - 30% Off
Select Fins - 40% Off

Sale Ends April 9th

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 April 2nd.



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